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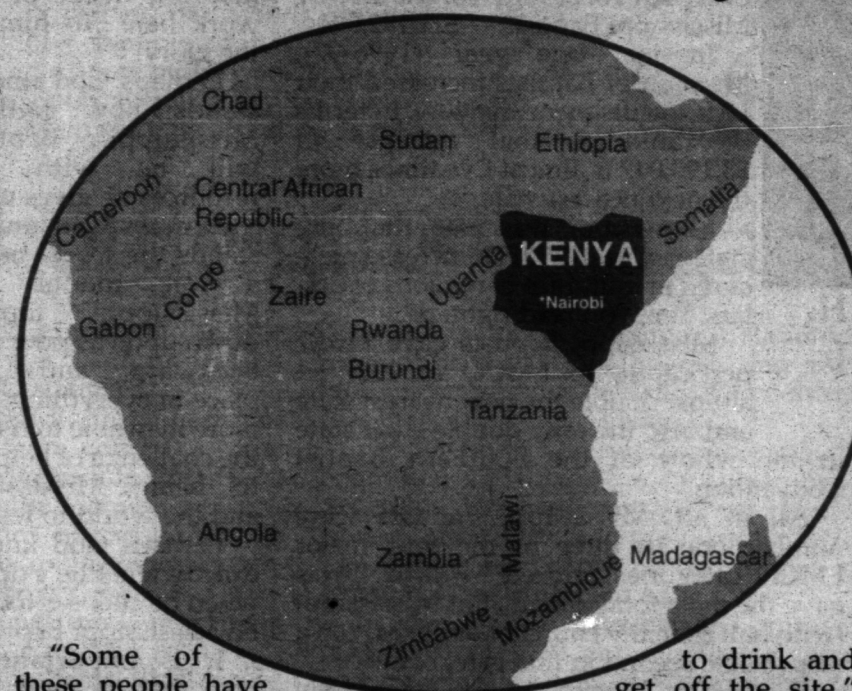
Baptists offer help after Kenya bomb blast

NAIROBI, Kenya (BP) — Southern Baptist missionaries in Kenya are serving on the front lines of rescue efforts following a devastating explosion Aug. 7 that killed about 200 people in Nairobi and injured more than 5,000 others. The explosion, and a second explosion in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, were aimed at the U.S. embassies in each country.

Several missionaries left a prayer retreat so they could minister to workers picking carefully through bomb-damaged buildings in search of survivors, said Bob Allen, one of 81 Southern Baptist International Mission Board (IMB) missionaries assigned to Kenya.

Using Southern Baptist relief funds, the missionaries organized a feeding program for rescue workers, serving 60 meals twice a day at the Kenya Red Cross headquarters near the disaster site. Missionaries also joined search-and-rescue teams removing debris from the site.

Two Southern Baptist missionaries — Cindy Wilson and Nancy Calvert — also responded to a Red Cross request for nurses to monitor volunteers for exhaustion.



"Some of these people have been out there since Friday," said Wilson. "We were asked to monitor volunteers for tiredness and energy levels."

Despite their fatigue and danger from the unstable buildings, those volunteers feel compelled to keep working through the rubble, Wilson said.

"We had one volunteer who walked by, an American, and we told him to get something

to drink and get off the site," she said. "The next thing you know, he was back up there digging. He just felt compelled to help. He has such a servant heart."

Missionary Dan Hylden went to the blast site with Wilson and Calvert as their bodyguard because they didn't know what to expect.

"But they were in no danger, so I helped with the digging," Hylden said. His face white with dust and fatigue, he told of pulling a body out of the rubble. "The noises have stopped, so they are being a little more aggressive in their demolition, but whenever they see a body part, we go in and pull out the debris by hand."

One young gunner on a tank found the nurses tending to his spiritual as well as medical needs in the long hours of the night.

"We had a real good chance to share the provision of Christ, how it really had to be God to save him. He promised to visit me at the mission office," Hylden said.

IMB missionaries also talked with William Larson, senior logistical officer for the International Red Cross, about helping replenish scarce medical supplies used by the Red Cross during the effort.

Long-term help also is in the works for the many Kenyans blinded or disfigured by broken glass and debris sent flying by the blast. Connie Burton, the IMB's medical coordinator for the region, is part of a planning committee to get American retinal and plastic surgeons into Nairobi.

Burton also is looking into recruiting counselors to help Kenyans through their grieving process.

Allen said what Kenya needs most is prayer.

"You all can help us most by praying," he said. "Pray for those injured to receive the treatment they need; pray for the families of the dead and injured, some of whom may have gotten news of family members when they saw them on television; pray for those investigating these disasters to have extraordinary wisdom and insight; pray that those who instigated and carried out these horrendous attacks would feel the conviction of the Holy Spirit and that they would repent; pray that Christians will take advantage of every opportunity to share Christ during this time."

Texas ed board dumps Disney

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Texas Board of Education voted July 10 to sell off about \$46 million in Disney stock, citing sex and graphic violence in movies distributed by Miramax Films, a subsidiary of Disney, for its decision.

While the board's divestiture of all Disney stock owned by the state's education trust fund puts barely a dent in the conglomerate, the action serves as a public relations defeat.

Among other negatives in recent years for Disney have been a boycott by religious and family organizations, including a vote by the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) in 1997 calling for such action, and reports in the last month of a financial struggle on Wall Street.

The Texas board's decision was based on moral and financial considerations, said a member of the board's majority.

"It doesn't make sense for the Texas State Board of Education to subsidize a company that is doing things that directly undermine the very things we're trying to accomplish," board member Richard Neill told Baptist Press.

"They are the Jekyll and Hyde of the entertainment industry," Disney has some of the best and some of "the most perverted movies" in distribution, he said.

"I predict that there will be other state agencies in other states that will drop Disney stock," said Neill, who led a successful effort in the early 1990s to convince advertisers on a local Texas television station to withdraw sponsorship of "The Phil Donahue Show" because of offensive content on that daytime talk show.

That effort was credited with being one of the factors that eventually led to the cancellation of the syndicated show.

"It's very obvious to me" the boycott by the SBC and other organizations "is having a direct impact," Neill said.

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In what may be the largest religious printing order ever, the Holman division of the Baptist Sunday School Board contracts for the printing of up to 15 million New Testaments for the "Here's Hope — God Cares for you" evangelistic effort planned for 1989-1990.

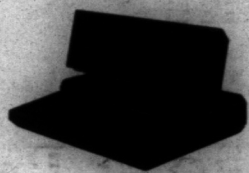
20 years ago

Selected church training leaders are introduced to a new concept in training called "Equipping Centers," during Church Training week at Glorieta (N.M.) Conference Center. "Equipping Centers" are a series of modules grouped around a subject areas.

50 years ago

Parkway Church, Jackson, conquers the summer Sunday School slump, averaging 543 in attendance each Sunday in July. One reason for the strong attendance, according to Sunday School superintendent Curtis Beard, is the fact that there were 2,049 contacts made.

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK



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Mississippi Baptists: We're number one!

Lord, please forgive us for our pridefulness; it's going to be real hard not to boast for the next little while. We've seen the Lottie Moon numbers.

Once again, Mississippi Baptists led the way last year in helping to bring the world to Christ through gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions (LMCO) — and the figures just released by the Southern Baptist International Mission Board (IMB) in Richmond are nothing less than astounding. (See lead article on page three.)

Of the record \$100,064,318 given in 1997 by Southern Baptists to LMCO, more than one dollar of every ten dollars was contributed by Mississippi Baptists — \$11,192,594.

In just one year (1996-97), Mississippi Baptists increased their LMCO gifts by nearly 40%. In terms of rankings, that increase of \$3,190,047 is almost five times more the next nearest state.

Mississippi was also the only state last year with an increase measured in multiples of millions of dollars. Yep, you read right.

Mississippi Baptists gave \$16.07 per capita to LMCO in 1997 — almost double the next nearest state and also the only double-digit state in the whole of the Southern Baptist Convention.

All in all, Mississippi Baptists were number one in three of the four major LMCO categories tracked by IMB. Texas gave the most total dollars, but Mississippi (with half as many churches as Texas) ran a respectable second in that category.

In addition, Mississippi was one of only two states to appear in all four categories.

Those first-place finishes were repeats from the 1996 LMCO totals, when Mississippi led the same three of four categories:

- ◆ Per capita giving: \$11.48
- ◆ Dollar increase: \$1,288,083
- ◆ Percentage increase: 19.18%

Not be outdone in 1997, Mississippi Baptists elevated per capita giving by almost 50%; dollar increase by about 250%; and percentage increase by more than 100%.

For people as arithmetically-challenged as newspaper editors, those astronomical figures are hard to grasp.

God has done great things in Mississippi, through Mississippi Baptists, and LMCO is just one facet of his work here. To him be the glory!

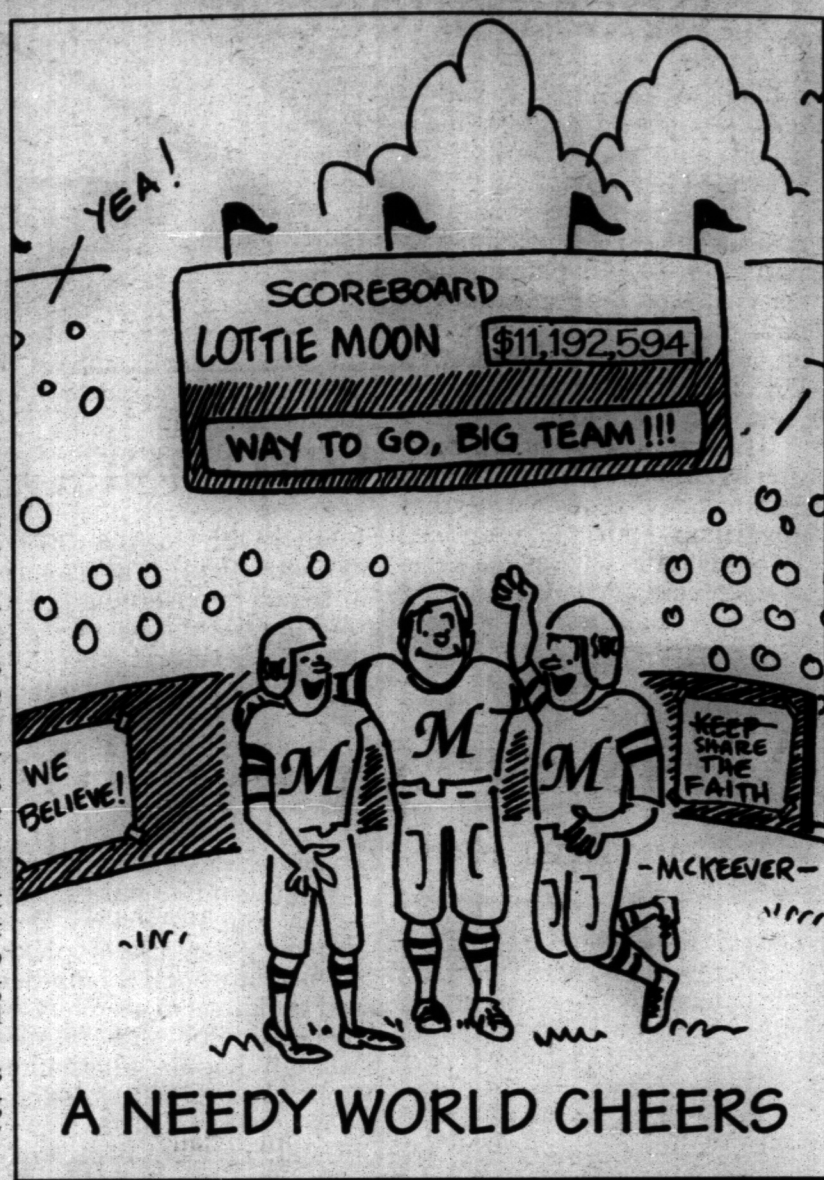
Perhaps God understands how faithful Mississippi Baptists will be with the resources he gives us.

Perhaps God understands the world needs a role model like Mississippi, looked down upon as poor and backward and last place in everything, but more than able to rise to the challenge of helping to bring Mississippi and the world to Jesus.

Perhaps God knows exactly what he's doing when he chooses to rely on Mississippi Baptists.

It is important to note that as much as God seeks to use Mississippi Baptists, all would be for naught if Mississippi Baptists were not in the spiritual state that enables us to hear the still, small voice inside our hearts calling us to be about the Savior's work.

If any phrase describes Mississippi Baptists, it's being about the Savior's work.



Legendary Major League baseball hall of fame member Dizzy Dean, a native Mississippian, is credited with the anecdote, "It ain't braggin' if you can back it up."

Lord, we really do want you to have all the glory. It's just that we find it extremely difficult to avoid braggin', when we can back it up.

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:



Making a difference where we are

By Carl M. White, Associate Editor

You may not be aware of it, but there are places in this world that are hostile to the preaching of the Gospel.

The Southern Baptist International Mission Board (IMB) will not even publish the names of some missionaries because where they serve, it is actually dangerous to be known as a Christian.

It's hard for us to visualize that there are places where you cannot openly preach, teach, or give a Christian witness. Yet, there are such places.

There are also places where poverty is so overwhelming that opportunity is on the endangered species list. There are cities where hopelessness lingers like the humidity after a blazing summer sunset.

Some of these places are right here in Mississippi.

The Clarion Ledger newspaper in Jackson reported this past week that as school began across the state, there were as many as 430 teaching vacancies.

That translates into over 400 classrooms without a teacher, or as many as 10,000 Mississippi children without a qualified teacher in the classroom.

Obviously, the more critical shortages are to be found in

those parts of the state where poverty is so overwhelming that, as already mentioned, opportunity is on the endangered species list, and in those cities where, as already pointed out, hopelessness lingers like the humidity after a blazing summer sunset.

It may be intellectually difficult for some Mississippi Baptists, in our nice air conditioned churches behind green manicured lawns, to understand there are places in our state where one cannot openly preach, teach, or give a Christian witness — but it's true.

These places are known as "schools."

A few years ago when I was pastoring in the Mississippi Delta, I met a young man and woman from

Up North who had come to Mississippi to teach.

They were not evangelical in their theology, yet they were on mission to help the poor and less fortunate by giving two years of their lives to teaching school in the Delta.

Then the thought struck me. Just as God reaches down to a church in a rural county seat and calls a man or woman to be missionaries in a foreign land, I believe God can reach down and call willing men and women to be missionaries in our most difficult schools in Mississippi.

So many of our college students are responding to the call to summer missions and to short-term mission projects. Of course, these assignments often involve travel to far away, exotic places.

Doesn't God, who calls young people to give of their lives to touch the lost and poor of Zambia and Colorado, also care for the lost and poor of Tunica and inner-city Jackson?

What if Christian men and women with teaching degrees would answer the call of God and commit two or three years of their lives teaching in the most demanding districts in our state?

The United Nations has the Peace Corps and IMB has the International Service Corps.

Why can't Mississippi Baptists have a Christian Teachers Corps?

If hundreds of our recent college graduates would answer this call over the next several years, could they not make a real difference?

What a novel idea: young men and women fresh out of college giving two or three years of their lives helping others in the name of Christ, without ever leaving Mississippi!

Join me in praying to the God of the harvest that he will call forth faithful workers for the children of the world, and especially for the children of Mississippi.

Baptist college stance prevails in NCAA dispute

CHICAGO (BP) — A Baptist college's stance against mandated Sunday competition has prevailed in the NCAA.

Colleges and universities with policies against competition on a particular day for religious reasons will have the opportunity to have their policies accommodated, in a decision by the NCAA's Division 1 board of directors Aug. 11 in Chicago.

The action sets aside a decision by the board in April which eliminated a requirement that governing sports committees accommodate schools' policies against Sunday competition.

The April action prompted Baptist-affiliated Campbell

University in Buies Creek, N.C., to mount a campaign to override the board's action by calling for a vote of the Division 1 membership at the NCAA's January 1999 convention.

Based on the Aug. 11 action by the board, the override vote will not be necessary, although the new action is subject to a new override opportunity by the membership.

The campaign effort garnered the support of 99 of Division 1's 308 institutions. Kenneth Shaw, chancellor of Syracuse University in New York and Division 1 board chairman, said in an NCAA news release, "... we heard

clearly that the membership is concerned about preserving its principles and beliefs."

Under the new rule, which is not limited to Sunday competition, a governing sports committee would have to accommodate those schools by changing the NCAA championship schedule.

However, the governing sports committee can petition the NCAA's championships/competition cabinet for a waiver of the rule if it believes the accommodation would "unduly disrupt the orderly conduct of a championship."

Campbell University has had a policy against Sunday competition since its founding in 1887.

The university joined the NCAA Division 1 ranks in the 1977-78 academic year. In the 1990s, various Fighting Camel teams have advanced to NCAA post-season competition in baseball, men's basketball, women's golf, softball and wrestling.

Campbell University left the Big South Conference several years ago over the issue of Sunday competition.

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Miss. sets pace for Lottie gifts — again

By William H. Perkins Jr.
Editor

In a remarkable record year for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (LMCO) for International Missions in 1997, Mississippi Baptists decided to set a few remarkable records of their own.

Long known as the leading state in the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) where LMCO gifts are concerned, Mississippi Baptists gave a record total of \$11,192,594, second only to the Texas total of \$14,529,248.

However, Mississippi ranked first in every other major LMCO giving category.

In per capita giving — the amount of total gifts divided by the number of Baptists in the state, or the amount theoretically given by each Mississippi Baptist — Mississippi's \$16.07 was nearly double South Carolina's second place amount of \$8.82.

Mississippi was the only state in the SBC to tally a double-digit per capita amount for the 1997 offering, the second year in a row for that milestone. Mississippi Baptists gave \$11.48 per capita in 1996.

Mississippi also led in the twin categories of increase in total dollars over the previous year's offering, going from \$8,002,546 in 1996 to \$11,192,594 in 1997; and in percentage increase over the previous year's offering at 39.86%.

That percentage increase is more than double Mississippi's top-ranking figure of 19.18% in 1996.

Not to be overlooked is the additional fact that Mississippi gifts accounted for more than 11% of the SBC total of \$100,064,318 — the first time the \$100 million national mark had ever been reached.

The record 1996 LMCO national total of \$93,089,179, was easily surpassed in 1997.

"This is another clear example that Mississippi folks have a heart for missions. If our missionaries have unmet needs, it won't be because our faithful church members aren't praying and giving," said Bill Causey, executive director-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB).

"Our hearts go out to the needy around the world whatever their needs may be, but we are especially energized to get to them with the gospel before it is eternally too late.

"Thanks to our faithful pastors, Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) leaders, and other church leaders for their faithfulness to the Great Commission, locally and abroad.

"As you can see, Mississippi has risen to the challenge once again. Let's keep it up!" he said.

Mississippi WMU executive director Marjean Patterson was also impressed with the state's LMCO statistics.

"Thanks, Mississippi Baptists! I am not surprised that once more you have come through with an outstanding gift — a record offering for Lottie Moon.

"Though I am not surprised, I am delighted and grateful for the loving, generous support of our people in assisting financially with international missions. Thank you for giving and praying," she said.

International Mission Board (IMB) president Jerry Rankin, a Mississippi native and graduate of Baptist-affiliated Mississippi College in Clinton, echoed the sentiments of Causey and Patterson.

"As a Mississippian, it gives me great pride to know of the heart of Mississippi Baptists to reach the world with the gospel. I am touched by the sacrificial giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering that reflects a high priority for global missions.

"If every state gave at the same per capita level as Mississippi, we would have reached the \$200 million mark instead of \$100 million last year!" he said.

The annual offering for international missions is named for Charlotte Diggs Moon, one of the first single women to be chosen as a Southern Baptist missionary. She served in China from 1873 until her death in 1912.

Fully 100% of LMCO funds are used to

meet the financial demands of stationing more than 4,400 missionaries and their families on mission fields in 126 countries that literally span the globe.

The 1997 LMCO receipts will enable the board to use \$1.45 million for "a long-overdue salary increase across the board to missionary personnel" and provide them with \$2.5 million for "badly needed capital for strategic needs," Rankin added.

In May, IMB trustees decided on raises ranging from \$100 per month for career and associate couples to \$33 a month for single International Service Corps and journeymen missionaries.

"We are absolutely ecstatic we did go over the \$100 million goal," said Dellanna O'Brien, executive director of national WMU, the agency which founded the offering 110 years ago. "We don't anticipate ever falling below \$100 million again."

The offering, generally collected in churches during December, will fund nearly half (47%) of this year's budget of \$210.8 million. The rest will come from Southern Baptists' unified giving plan, the Cooperative Program, and other income, such as investments and hunger and relief receipts.

For more information on LMCO, contact Mississippi WMU at P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530. Telephone: (601) 968-3800 or toll-free outside Mississippi (800) 748-1651.

Baptist Press contributed to this article.



1997 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

PER CAPITA GIVING		DOLLAR INCREASE OVER 1996	
1. Mississippi	\$16.07	1. Mississippi	\$3,190,047
2. South Carolina	8.82	2. Tennessee	729,718
3. North Carolina	8.63	3. Georgia	523,435
4. Alaska	8.53	4. Texas	440,030
5. Tennessee	7.21	5. South Carolina	369,547
PERCENTAGE INCREASE OVER 1996		TOTAL DOLLARS	
1. Mississippi	39.86%	1. Texas	\$14,529,248
2. District of Columbia	33.34%	2. Mississippi	11,192,594
3. Dakotas Fellowship	27.24%	3. North Carolina	10,264,135
4. Alaska	25.45%	4. Georgia	8,448,130
5. Iowa Fellowship	20.51%	5. Tennessee	8,035,498

Source: International Mission Board
Southern Baptist Convention

Lifeway team shares gospel with Kenyans

By Mike Livingstone
Lifeway Christian Resources

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Inside a tiny mud hut in a remote village, I sat between my two Kenyan interpreters. Across from the three of us sat Evelyn, a young Kenyan woman who looked to be in her mid-20s.



RAISED TO NEW LIFE — Mike Livingstone (left foreground), editor in the Sunday School division of LifeWay Christian Resources, and Jerry Wolverton (hand raised), manager in the marketing planning department, baptize new Christians during the LifeWay mission trip to Kenya. (Photo by Charlie Doggett)

I explained to Evelyn that I had come from America because God wanted me to share his message with her. She listened intently as I presented the gospel. Then she bowed her head and prayed to accept Jesus as her Savior.

Later she explained to us, "Last night I had a dream that three men would come visit me. One of them was a white man, the other two were Africans."

A coincidence? No way! Evelyn had no way of knowing that the three of us would visit her that day, but God knew and he had prepared her heart to hear his message. My visit with Evelyn is representative of the many divine appointments God had planned for the 29 members of the LifeWay mission team as we ministered for eight days in July along the western border of Kenya, from Lake Victoria north to Busia.

Those of us who went on this mission trip experienced God in ways difficult to translate into words. We recorded 5,963 professions of faith, baptized 464 people and started 26 new churches. We may have experienced more of God in eight days than many American Christians experience in a lifetime.

The professions of faith were recorded mostly one, two, and three or more at a time as we walked with our interpreters an estimated combined 700 miles (the distance from Nashville, Tenn., to Fort Worth, Texas), witnessing village to village, hut to hut, on dirt roads, in sugarcane fields, in shops, in hospitals, and along the shores of Lake Victoria.

The name of every person who prayed to receive Christ was recorded by the Kenyans for follow-up. We left the Kenyan churches with a tremendous amount of follow-up to do. I am confident they can and will do it, but they need our prayers.

The 464 baptisms took place in only three baptismal services, one of those in beautiful Lake Victoria, the world's second-largest freshwater lake and one of the chief sources of the Nile River.

Before entering the water, I tried to remember exactly why my doctor specifically had warned me not to get into Lake Victoria — something about parasites I think. But this opportunity was one I could not miss. It looked like a scene out of The Commission maga-

to Christ. I was so disappointed at the end of the day. Imagine in the United States saying you are disappointed because you led only 10 people to Christ in a day!

The following day my team was moved to a town called Bumala. This area, too, was a "difficult area" we were told. But I led 61 people to the Lord that day (50 before noon!) and 56 the next day. The people there are eager to hear the gospel. They only need someone to go and tell them.



FOCUSED — Sissy LaFon (center), editor in the Sunday School division of LifeWay Christian Resources, reads Bible stories to a group of focused Kenyan children. LaFon participated in the second annual LifeWay mission trip to Kenya. (Photo by Charlie Doggett)

zine (publication of the Southern Baptist International Mission Board).

With the mountains of Uganda in the background, a long line of new believers waded into the water four at a time to be baptized by four of us Americans, while hundreds of Christians lined the shore-singing, clapping, cheering on the new believers. Never have I seen such an outpouring of genuine joy at a baptismal service.

Each person baptized received a Swahili Bible and a booklet for new Christians titled, "Growing in Christ." For most of them, this Bible was the first they have ever owned. How excited and proud they were to have a Bible of their very own.

The 26 new churches that were started are located mostly in villages and towns without any other evangelical church. Most are without pastors. Most worship under trees. Pray for those 26 new churches. Pray that God would raise up strong leaders. And pray they would have church buildings soon.

Two things deeply impacted me on this, my fourth, trip to Kenya.

First, the people are so hungry for the gospel. On my "worst" day I worked in a particularly difficult area called Buroma and led only 10 people

One Kenyan woman who prayed to receive Christ asked one of our team members how long we were staying in Kenya. When she heard we'd be returning to the United States in just a few days, she replied, "How can you go back to America so soon when there are so many lost people here?"

Some of our team members witnessed a crippled boy who crawled down a rocky path to the church service to hear about Jesus. His knees were bloodied when he arrived, but his face bore a smile.

Secondly, I was impressed by the dedication of the Kenyan Christians. Some of them would walk or ride their bicycles up to 20 miles one way to help us witness to the lost. In the United States, how many of us walk across the street to tell someone about Jesus?

For those who did not have the opportunity to go on this year's trip, we expect the Kenya Baptist Convention to request another LifeWay volunteer team to work near the same area next year and to make an eternal difference.

I remember one elderly Kenyan woman I witnessed to who told me that she had heard about Jesus but did not know that he died for her sins. Now she knows. And now she knows Jesus as her Savior.

'Shepherding Home' training slated

Plans for the first Shepherding Home Training Seminar have been announced by the Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission (CAC).

The training and awareness seminar will be conducted Nov. 7 in the Sky Room of the Baptist Building in Jackson. The training seminar will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude before 5 p.m.

The trainer for the seminar will be Sheila Stanford, a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg and New Orleans Seminary in New Orleans.

Stanford previously served as consultant for the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union. Recently, she began serving as a CAC special consultant.

The Shepherding Home program was designed to locate and train Christian families/couples in providing "somewhere to go" for pregnant girls who must leave their home area and who want to carry the baby to delivery.

The Shepherding Home program contends that a loving home to which to turn is often the only thing necessary to keep a girl from turning to abortion.

The Shepherding Home Training Seminar will be a training time for potential shep-

herding home volunteers and an awareness time for those couples/families seeking additional information.

The biblically-based approach includes sessions on examining one's personal motivation and desires, necessary family adjustments, how to get to know the pregnant girl, building the girl's self-esteem, how to help the girl address the choice between adoption and parenting and helpful suggestions for the family.

CAC will provide a \$75 stipend per family/couple who complete the entire seminar, to help offset costs such as transportation, lodging if necessary, and other expenses.

CAC will provide a continental breakfast and noon meal for registered participants. It is assumed that each participant will commit to participate in the entire event; payment of the stipend will be to those who complete the entire training seminar.

Copies of CAC's Shepherding Home video, "Some Place To Go" will be loaned to churches and groups that will present the concept to its people.

The video can be reserved from the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Office of Broadcast Services, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, Ms 39205-0530. Telephone: (601) 968-3800 or toll-free outside Jackson (800) 748-1651.

For more information on this ministry and to register for the Nov. 7 seminar, contact CAC at the above address and telephone numbers.



Stanford

Internet program blocks Christian groups

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (BP) — Because of the alleged "intolerance" of their biblical stance that homosexuality is sin, the Internet sites of the American Family Association (AFA) and various other Christian and pro-family organizations have been blocked from public access by Cyber Patrol, which provides filtering software to 85% of America's on-line providers, including America Online (AOL), CompuServe, Prodigy, AT&T, Bell AtlanticNet, and Scholastic Net.

The nation's most popular Internet filtering software, Cyber Patrol is restricting access to the Christian and pro-family Internet sites through a parental control feature offered by AOL and the other major on-line providers.

The powerful decision as to which Internet sites on the World Wide Web to filter out rests with a 12-member committee charged with overseeing Cyber Patrol.

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) and unnamed "women's rights groups," a "teacher's union," a "minister" and a "superintendent of schools," along with Morality in Media and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), are represented among the committee members who scan the Internet in search

of sites they feel are inappropriate for children.

Only Morality in Media has protested Cyber Patrol's blocking of AFA and other Christian and family groups on the Internet.



In addition to the Internet site, afa.net, of the American Family Association, based in Tupelo, Miss., the Internet sites of several Charlotte, N.C., organizations are being blocked: The Charlotte Christian News, which earlier this year broke the story on the Cyber Patrol blocking; WRCM, a Christian radio station; INSP, the Inspiration cable television network; and "Quiet Thunder," a cartoon and children's ministry. "They have the power to completely censor any (Internet)

web site they want to censor," said WRCM general manager Ken Mayfield. "We were unaware they were doing this to us until some listeners called and said they could no longer access our web site. It's very chilling."

text advocating prejudice or discrimination against any race, color, national origin, religion, disability or handicap, gender or sexual orientation. Any picture or text that elevates one group over another. Also includes intolerant jokes or slurs."

"They (the AFA) probably don't see themselves as intolerant, and they may not be intolerant people," Cyber Patrol spokeswoman Susan Getgood told The Orange County (Calif.) Register. "But when we go through their Web site, there is a great deal of material that refers to a group of people in what we considered an intolerant manner."

According to the AFA, the offending sentences include: "We want to outlaw public homosexuality. Indifference or neutrality toward the homosexual rights movement will result in society's destruction by allowing civil order to be redefined ..."

Internet filtering software designed to protect children "surfing" on the Internet is not new. Prodigy was the first major on-line service to offer parental access controls, beginning in the late 1980s.

Enough Is Enough, a public interest group that fights to keep pornography away from children, offers a comparison list of filtering software and service providers. They may be contacted by calling (703) 278-8343 or by going to www.enough.org.

Anyone wishing to protest Cyber Patrol's blocking of AFA and other Christian sites may do so by calling Susan Getgood at (617) 494-1200.

J.P. Gilbert, pastor, dies

James Pascal Gilbert, 71, died of heart disease Aug. 14 at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson. Services were held Aug. 17 at First Church, Bay St. Louis, with graveside services at Biloxi National Cemetery.

Gilbert, a native of White Bluff, served as pastor of Shoreline Park Church, Waveland, for the past two years. He served as language missions director of the Gulf Coast Baptist Association and was chaplain for the Gulf Coast Chapter of American Merchant Marine Veterans. He also served as a missionary with the Foreign Mission Board in Ecuador and Panama for 35 years.

Gilbert received his education at Clarke College, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary.

Survivors include his wife Dorothy Jean; son, James P. Gilbert Jr.; daughters, Jean Dale Hicks and Patricia Ann Corey; brother, John L. Gilbert; and sister, Mary Ray; eight grandchildren; and one great grandchild.



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SUMMER STAFF AT CENTRAL HILLS BAPTIST RETREAT near Kosciusko — Front: Dan West, manager, Kosciusko; Sam Newell, Pearl, WCC; Tyler Hill, Water Valley, MSU; Mychal Runnels, Mendenhall, Co-Lin; Lex Hester, Tupelo, NEMCC; Alan Harwell, Eupora, Ackerman HS; Andy Wayne Chance, Silver Creek, MSU; Tim Parker, Bruce, ICC; Jason Newell, Pearl, WCC; Travis Dunlap, Pearl, MC; Peggy Wasson-Tyler, secretary, Kosciusko; Tollie Pinkard, volunteer, Kosciusko, East Holmes A.; Doreatha Love, food service, West; Justin Selvy, Batesville, NWMCC; Chris Gaskin, West Point, NEMCC.

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JUST FOR THE RECORD

Heaven's Gates and Hell's Flames will be presented at First Church, Eupora, Aug. 23, 24, and 25 at 7 p.m. Bill Stewart is pastor. For more information call (601) 258-3491.



Baptist Health Systems' (MBHS) Samaritan Counseling Center ministry has received accreditation from the American Association of Pastoral Counselors (AAPC) as an approved training center, making it Mississippi's only accredited Pastoral Counseling Education Center. "This accreditation gives MBHS the opportunity to provide a full program of training for those interested in integrating faith with the practice of counseling," said Barry Click, director of the Samaritan program. "Samaritan is a growing ministry, and this accreditation will help us provide pastoral counseling education to more people than ever before." For further information about Samaritan programs at the nine locations, call 968-5146. Accreditation team members (pictured, from left) with Samaritan staff members are Jack Follis (Jackson), program supervisor; Homer Bain (San Antonio), Accreditation Team; Paul Stephenson (Jackson), director of pastoral care at MBHS; Anne Stewart (Bethesda, Md.), accreditation team; Click (Jackson); and Louis Reed (Charlotte, N.C.), accreditation team.

First Church, Moss Point, will celebrate 50 years of worship in its present sanctuary on Sept. 6. The sanctuary was occupied in 1948 after 74 years in its original building. The schedule for the day includes: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 10:55 a.m.; dinner on the grounds at noon; and 2 p.m. praise and dedication service. Bobby Perry, former pastor and present director of missions for the Gulf Coast Association, will deliver the morning message. Adrian Pater is pastor.

New Hope Church, Fulton, will hold its Fifth Sunday Singing on Aug. 30. Lunch will be served at noon following the morning services. Singing will start at 1 p.m. with The Master's Quartet from Booneville. Mike Bridges is pastor.



Baptist Medical Center's Medical Technologist Program held commencement ceremonies on June 25 at the John Busey Auditorium. Graduates include (from left) Margaret Sanborn, Melissa Norman, Surabh Patel, Gary Bullard, Billy Howell, and Christie Merck.

REVIVAL DATES

Jayess (Lawrence): Aug. 23-26; Sunday, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m., noon meal, and 1:30 p.m. service; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; John Wilton, guest speaker; Shelly and Irene Johnston, music; Lonnie Case, pastor.

Kokomo (Marion): Aug. 31-Sept. 5; services, 7 p.m.; Jerry Lennep, evangelist; Dudley Williamson, music.

New Home, Fulton: Sept. 13-16; Sunday, regular times; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Stanley

Huddleton, Faulkner, evangelist; Jerry Brazile, Fulton, music; Mike Bridges, pastor. **Wesson:** youth revival; Aug. 28-30; Fri., 10 p.m.; Sat., 7 p.m., Sunday, 10:30 a.m. dinner at the church; Rob Turner, evangelist and Sumthin' Real, praise and worship band.

Tuscumbia, Booneville: Aug. 23-28; Sunday, 6:30 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7 p.m.; Jerry Lundy, Louisville, evangelist; Gaylon Lewis, Booneville, music; Dwayne Kelly, pastor.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

F. Marvin Myers, a graduate of Mississippi College, has retired after 17 years as executive director of the National Association of Church Business Administration, and 46 years of ministry with

churches in Mississippi and Texas. He will continue to consult with churches and speak to religious groups. His address is 6408 Heidelberg Ct., North Richland Hills, TX 76180, or call (817) 485-2535.

John and Vicki McCall of Clinton will leave (work permit was granted on July 20) for Arusha, Tanzania, where he will be a professor at the International Baptist Theological Seminary of East Africa for the academic year 1998-1999. They plan to return home in mid to late April 1999.

Charles Stubblefield and his wife Marie will be honored on Aug. 30 by Ecu Church, Ecu, on the occasion of his 50th year in the ministry. Stubblefield will be speaking at the 11 a.m. service. A reception will be held in fellowship hall from 2-4 p.m. George Smith is pastor of Ecu Church.

HOMECOMINGS

First, Collinsville: Aug. 22-23; Sat., 4-8 p.m.; Sunday, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; noon meal; Jimmie Dean, guest speaker; Hal J. Bates, pastor.

Short Creek (Yazoo): Aug. 23; services, 10:30 a.m.; Jerry Smith, Water Valley, message; covered dish lunch following services; Norris Ables, pastor.

Fredonia, New Albany: Aug. 30; homecoming and dedication for Family Life Center; Chalmis McMillen, Lakeland,

Fla.; noon meal in fellowship hall; Joe Herndon, pastor.

Pine Hill, Enterprise: Aug. 23; morning service begins at 10:30 a.m.; meal in fellowship hall following services; David Hampton, former pastor, guest speaker; Danny Bullock, interim pastor.

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HOUSE TOPS.

Matthew 10:27 NAS

August 20, 1998

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August 21-September 3, 1998

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A Church Devoted To Prayer - Every church prays, but not every church is devoted to prayer. The Greek word for "devoted," *proskartereo*, is the strongest available word in the language to describe commitment. It means "to latch on and refuse to let go," like a pit bull seizing a piece of meat. That is how our devotion to God should be in prayer. - Fred A. Hartley, III in the July/August edition of *Pray!*

Indonesia is on the edge of the largest hunger catastrophe in world history, in which between 40 and 80 million could die. Pray for the thousands of Christians throughout Indonesia who fasted and prayed 40 days for the nation. Pray for God's hand to guide and protect the Indonesian people, especially the ethnic Chinese who suffer the most.

For Area Preschool Children's Choir Clinics; Temple BC, Hattiesburg/Harrisburg BC, Tupelo; sponsored by the Church Music Dept. When God says no - keep praying, and pay attention to the answers - both yes and no.

22

When Youth With a Mission was preparing for their Outreach "Amsterdam '98" for the Gay Games (Aug. 1-8) they noticed that our churches have not given adequate teaching and counseling in the area of homosexuality. Pray that churches will have the courage to call sin sin and at the same time to love the sinner.

A total of 2,231 people from 25 people groups were baptized on one day in Chennai, India, probably the largest number ever baptized on a single day in that country. Pray that they will have dedicated Christians to disciple them.

24

For the Executive Committee Meeting, Baptist Building. For the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Meeting, Baptist Building. Pray that God will continue to raise awareness and call out Filipinos to reach the unreached of the Philippines.

25

The Church Information Service of Japan reported that there were 29 more Japanese churches in 1997 than in 1996. The Japan Evangelical Associations helped about 100 Japanese, who became Christians while living abroad, find churches when they returned home. Praise God for cooperation among Christians.

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For the Sunday School Leadership Lab; Eagle Ridge Conference Center, Raymond; sponsored by the SS Dept. Pray that Christianity will be our steering wheel, not our spare tire.

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Christianity is advancing in Sudan despite attempts by the government and military to force Islam on the people. While 20 years ago only 5% of the population was Christian, today 20% have come to Christ. Ask God to give Sudanese believers boldness to declare God's love to their neighbors.

For the Small Church Pastor/Key Leader Conference; Goodwater BC, Magee; sponsored by the Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries. Pray that God will help us love others as much as He loves us.

29

Thank God for growing awareness in the United States of the need to protect the sanctity of unborn children. Pray that God's Spirit would convict mothers of the humanity of their unborn children. Beseech God for an end to the worldwide holocaust of abortion, which claims 50 million lives a year.

For Northern Mississippi Senior Adult Rally; FBC, Holly Springs; sponsored by the Discipleship and Family Ministry Dept. Pray for persecuted Christians in Bulgaria, China, Colombia, Cuba, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Laos, Malaysia, Mexico, Russia, Turkey, Zimbabwe and other countries.

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For the Central Mississippi Senior Adult Rally; Parkway BC, Clinton; sponsored by the Discipleship and Family Ministry Dept. Give thanks to God for a 76 year-old widow who donated land to be used for a new mission near the small city of Paraguari, Paraguay.

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For the Southern Mississippi Senior Adult Rally; Temple BC, Hattiesburg; sponsored by the Discipleship and Family Ministry Dept. Rejoice that two women have come to know Jesus as their Savior in Balinese, Indonesia. Pray for them as they begin their new walk.

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	COOP PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL
ADAMS			
CALVARY	433.26	1111.26	1544.52
CLIFF TEMPLE	10012.51	6006.02	16018.53
CLOVERDALE	8873.81	10359.10	19232.91
CROWN	613.14	1127.15	1740.29
FBC NATCHITZ	36784.02	4726.00	83911.01
IMMANUEL	5703.32	9625.93	15329.25
MORGANTOWN	10932.77	12373.71	23306.48
NEW HOPE	513.03	342.03	855.06
PARKWAY	32830.55	13655.75	46486.30
SPRINGFIELD	1971.20	1388.30	3359.50
STANTON	5026.78	4696.26	9723.04
WASHINGTON	9876.32	5899.61	15775.93
TOTAL	122971.32	108608.18	231579.50
ALCORN			
*ASSOCIATION	.00	122.00	122.00
ANTIOCH	1507.78	3192.90	4700.68
BETHLEHEM	1388.74	3738.99	5127.73
BRUSHCREEK	211.37	209.00	420.37
CALVARY	2753.32	3786.82	6540.14
COUNTY LINE	500.00	1750.00	2250.00
DANVILLE	456.86	456.86	913.72
EAST CORINTH	2911.10	2733.98	5645.08
FBC BIGGERSVILLE	1716.72	1690.18	3406.90
FBC CORINTH	61223.64	38965.30	100188.94
KENDALE	6859.00	8523.00	15382.00
HINKLE	2344.61	6867.34	9211.95
HOLLY	865.50	612.09	1477.59
JACINTO	606.17	924.53	1530.70
KEMPS CHAPEL	918.76	918.80	1837.56
KENDRICK	3957.62	3842.90	7800.52
KOSSUTH FIRST	545.38	.00	545.38
LIBERTY	.00	1000.00	1000.00
LOONE OAK	30299.32	26369.15	56668.47
NORTH CORINTH	.00	600.00	600.00
OAKLAND	5253.26	9859.37	15112.63
RIDGECREST	4315.62	4288.27	8603.89
SHILOH	42388.82	990.50	990.50
SOUTH CORINTH	1499.79	2991.02	72301.84
TATE	827.60	1308.93	2181.53
TISHOMINGO CHAPEL	2075.65	1768.90	3844.55
UNION	587.72	1707.58	2295.30
WEST CORINTH	8028.25	9130.17	17158.42
WHEELER GROVE	17597.41	5875.54	23472.95
TOTAL	208452.78	175972.28	384425.06
ATTALA			
*ASSOCIATION	.00	360.00	360.00
BEECH CREEK	60.00	60.00	120.00
BEECH	813.00	1611.00	2424.00
CARSON RIDGE	.00	387.00	387.00
COUNTY LINE	150.00	1713.00	3214.00
DOTY SPRINGS	.00	2935.00	2935.00
EBENEZER	344.00	344.00	688.00
ETHEL	2567.00	3011.00	5578.00
FBC KOSCIUSKO	64817.79	50119.80	114937.59
HURRICANE	230.38	476.30	706.68
IRUSALEM	4971.54	215.70	2673.24
MACADAMS	4899.91	9088.78	14066.67
MC COOL	365.00	484.93	849.93
NEW SALEM	7497.41	7864.25	15361.66
PARKWAY	203.00	303.00	506.00
PEELER MEMORIAL	998.00	1413.18	2411.18
PILGRIMS REST	12.00	.00	12.00
PLEASANT RIDGE	55.93	344.00	399.93
PROVIDENCE	2866.58	5997.84	8864.42
SALLIS	785.82	1536.33	2322.15
SAND HILL	4696.00	3618.00	8314.00
SECOND KOSCIUSKO	2885.62	2851.55	5737.17
SPRINGDALE	920.00	920.00	1840.00
UNION	10953.00	15204.86	26157.86
WILLIAMSVILLE	577.39	1400.39	1977.78
YACKANOOKANY	495.00	402.00	897.00
ZAMA	114073.44	119072.54	233145.98
TOTAL	114073.44	119072.54	233145.98
BENTON-TIPPAH			
ACADEMY	2332.51	2249.65	4582.16
ASHLAND	8479.95	11309.08	19789.03
BLUFF SPRINGS	1074.00	1106.00	2180.00
CHALYBEATE	1567.00	4236.00	5803.00
COMMUNITY	1198.10	516.00	1714.10
CONCORD	999.96	1969.55	2969.51
DRY CREEK	465.98	2089.77	2555.75
DUMAS	15668.41	7947.11	23615.52
FAITH	943.00	1278.00	2221.00
FALKNER	4810.47	725.21	5535.68
FBC HICKORY FLAT	4392.46	3935.80	8328.26
FBC RIPLEY	54153.24	25996.94	80150.18
FELLOWSHIP	4734.75	759.69	5494.44
FLAT ROCK	266.00	4865.00	5131.00
HAMILTON	1190.10	939.00	2129.10
HARMONY	7951.63	7260.98	15212.61
LEBANON	1000.00	1000.00	2000.00
LOWERY MEMORIAL	2660.22	5245.16	7905.38
MACEDONIA	.00	255.00	255.00
MT HEBRON	390.00	500.00	890.00
MT OLIVE	976.98	951.25	1928.23
NEW HOPE	126.00	454.00	580.00
NORTH RIPLEY	308.23	616.48	924.71
OAKLAND	3747.23	8830.57	12577.80
PALMER	3686.20	4748.78	8434.98
PEOPLES	1074.99	1075.02	2150.01
PINE GROVE DUMAS	3626.70	1794.67	5421.37
PINE GROVE HICK FLAT	1168.00	1294.72	2462.72
PLEASANT HILL TIPLEY	716.67	75.45	792.12
PLEASANT HILL ASHLAND	1500.00	1418.00	2918.00
PROVIDENCE	4275.50	3616.61	7892.11
SHADY GROVE	1681.74	1318.11	2999.85
SPRINGDALE	5451.56	26199.05	31650.61
TIPLEYVILLE	568.43	799.62	1368.05
TURNERS CHAPEL	.00	1395.50	1395.50
UNION	.00	370.00	370.00
WALNUT	2198.81	3019.17	5217.98
WEST RIPLEY	18360.81	13689.06	32049.87
WHITTENTOWN	180.07	1054.02	1234.09
TOTAL	162552.20	168385.11	330937.31
MID-DELTA			
BENOIT	4741.68	3645.50	8387.18
BETHANY	192.50	697.19	889.69
BETHEL	8240.00	124.00	8364.00
BLAKE	1001.89	500.00	1501.89
CALVARY	6829.30	6086.11	12915.41
CHINESE	.00	1400.00	1400.00
DREW	8232.84	5768.00	14000.84
DUNCAN	450.00	260.00	710.00
EASTWOOD	4233.88	1042.88	5276.76
FAIRVIEW	1268.00	1518.00	2786.00
FBC BOYLE	1491.67	1139.67	2631.34
FBC CLEVELAND	50000.04	51090.94	101090.98
FBC INDIANOLA	28339.12	25361.16	53700.28
FBC INVERNESS	2850.00	4410.00	7260.00
FBC ROSDALE	1777.29	4490.64	6267.93
FIRST BELLEVILLE	900.00	4750.00	5650.00
GUNNISON	363.40	796.70	1160.10
IMMANUEL	9234.38	1034.23	10268.61
INTERSTATE	3465.53	1909.59	5375.12
LINN	2709.33	1815.56	4524.89
MERIGOLD	2131.27	1255.63	3386.90
MOOREHEAD	3138.60	2518.50	5657.10
MORRISON CHAPEL	5667.92	3992.20	9660.12
PROVIDENCE	544.00	6344.14	6888.14
ROUNDWAY	6071.54	4425.15	10496.69
RULEVILLE	10366.69	8904.20	19270.89
SECOND INDIANOLA	4001.81	7840.00	11841.81
SHAW	1566.15	898.85	2465.00
SKENE	15197.40	10142.91	25340.31
SOUTHSIDE	1070.37	1138.16	2208.53

	COOP PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL
SUNFLOWER	1341.53	1410.61	2752.14
WEST DREW	1283.82	1242.23	2526.05
YALE STREET	1505.35	2712.17	4217.52
TOTAL	186132.61	194369.09	380501.70
CALHOUN			
ANTIOCH	463.70	198.72	662.42
BANNER	2359.90	2990.94	5350.84
BENTLEY	.00	161.00	161.00
BETHANY	6300.00	13044.76	19344.76
BIG CREEK	8319.45	6897.72	15217.17
BRADFORD CHAPEL	1425.22	5082.91	6508.13
CALVARY	1016.76	50.00	1066.76
COLLEGE HILL	868.49	651.00	1519.49
CONCORD	2141.12	4397.19	6538.31
DERMA	16119.86	5423.22	21543.08
DRIVERS FLAT	150.00	60.00	210.00
DUNCAN HILL	950.00	.00	950.00
ELLARD	2030.76	727.78	2758.54
FBC BRUCE	2740.00	9416.51	12156.51
FBC CALHOUN CITY	29409.30	26230.96	55640.26
FBC VARDAMAN	1367.08	6671.57	8038.65
LANTRIP	200.00	200.00	400.00
LOYD	.00	100.00	100.00
MACEDONIA	1241.48	1610.37	2851.85
MIDWAY	758.16	525.50	1283.66
MT COMFORT	1939.70	1837.66	3777.36
MT MORIAH	6579.62	4248.75	10828.37
MT TABOR	400.00	300.00	700.00
NEW HOPE	954.89	1191.91	2146.80
NEW LIBERTY	1597.40	2517.40	4114.80
NEW PROVIDENCE	938.94	4574.18	5513.12
OAK GROVE	534.00	517.00	1051.00
OWATOWN	2625.44	2236.36	4861.80
PARKER	1250.74	250.13	1500.87
PILGRIMS REST	50.00	27.00	77.00
PITTSBORO	2889.11	2660.60	5549.71
PLEASANT GROVE	165.10	70.66	235.76
PLEASANT HILL	4921.34	5097.04	10018.38
PLEASANT RIDGE	1914.96	2310.46	4225.42
POPLAR SPRINGS	373.02	840.82	1213.84
POPLAR BRANCH	509.56	1608.07	2117.63
ROCKY MOUNT	449.00	798.00	1247.00
SABOUGLA	3723.97	3428.29	7152.26
SAREPTA	298.72	1063.08	1361.80
SECOND CALHOUN	570.00	1430.00	2000.00
SHILOH	1049.01	9736.03	10785.04
SPRING HILL	1428.63	1205.60	2634.23
TRINITY CREEK	48.00	343.00	391.00
WESTSIDE	144.09	127.16	271.25
TOTAL	146728.52	134928.35	281656.87
CARROLL			
*ASSOCIATION	.00	88.50	88.50
BLACK HAWK	699.12	1048.69	1747.81
BELLEVILLE	868.70	2036.49	2905.19
CARROLLTON	23749.51	12686.31	36435.82
CENTERVILLE	819.41	272.42	1091.83
HARMONY	700.00	1250.00	1950.00
HICKORY GROVE	332.16	332.16	664.32
LIBERTY	1903.85	3035.02	4938.87
MALMAISON	2189.00	2023.00	4212.00
MC CARLEY	270.60	275.30	545.90
MT OLIVE	7198.29	8249.94	15448.23
MT PISCATAWAY	3250.78	2099.75	5350.53
NEW BETHEL	986.81	2196.72	3183.53
NORTH CARROLLTON	5042.34	5591.25	10633.59
PROVIDENCE	2451.02	2846.11	5297.13
VAIDEN	7943.84	15605.63	23549.47
VALLEY HILL	1385.78	2010.01	3395.79
TOTAL	59791.21	61932.30	121723.51
CHICKASAW			
AMITY	533.99	770.41	1304.40
ARBOR GROVE	1750.02	1414.78	3164.80
BETHEL	3093.80	3133.26	6227.06
CARNATION	880.98	810.00	1690.98
FBC HOLULA	7011.15	11261.15	18272.30
FBC HOUSTON	16964.65	1651.80	18616.45
FBC OKOLUNA	16785.00	10393.86	27178.86
FBC WOODLAND	2632.56	1150.65	3783.21
FELLOWSHIP	.00	469.00	469.00
MT OLIVE	404.55	825.00	1229.55
PARKWAY	240.00	120.00	360.00
PLEASANT GROVE	765.23	2853.03	3618.26
PLEASANT RIDGE	900.00	230.42	1130.42
SCHOONER VALLEY	.00	200.00	200.00
SHILOH	1401.14	4448.00	5849.14
VAN VLEET	.00	400.00	400.00
TOTAL	61271.49	35873.51	97145.00
CHOCTAW			
ACKERMAN	13831.13	10608.83	24439.96
BETHLEHEM	300.00	620.00	920.00
BLUFF SPRINGS	150.00	800.00	950.00
BLYTHE CREEK	2574.00	2439.00	5013.00
CHESTER	6373.60	3810.54	10184.14
CONCORD	852.91	1077.16	1930.07
CROSS ROADS	520.72	2150.36	2671.08
FELLOWSHIP	2497.03	2150.36	4647.39
FENTRESS	835.00	1713.00	2548.00
FRENCH CAMP	1618.24	4808.35	6426.59
MT MORIAH	1285.46	1922.13	3207.59

	COOP PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL		COOP PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL		COOP PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL		COOP PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL
FREEDOM	7959.96	7560.00	15519.96	FREEDOM	1876.25	2860.25	4736.50	CANAAN	8252.29	2452.73	10705.02	HOPE	466.68	2175.32	2642.00
FRIENDSHIP	1430.29	400.00	1830.29	GOOD HOPE	1035.77	856.23	1892.00	CEDAR BLUFF	1491.44	317.00	1808.44	LAUREL HILL	695.06	965.00	1660.06
GRACE	1544.72	2361.00	3905.72	LENA	2660.82	3267.97	5928.79	CENTER GROVE	1458.00	1280.00	2738.00	LINWOOD	406.90	5269.69	5676.59
HARMONY	5964.54	3298.86	9263.40	MADISON	4948.52	4101.27	9049.79	COMMUNITY	2441.61	2723.98	5165.59	LONGCINO	1027.54	1233.07	2260.61
HEBRON	7997.34	6158.22	14155.56	MADONALD	1197.26	0.00	1197.26	DOUBLE SPRINGS	6411.99	2708.00	9119.99	MT NELSON	550.00	830.00	1380.00
HIGHLAND	33337.79	32366.42	65704.21	MIDWAY	171.47	342.94	514.41	EAST END	26359.45	5577.75	31937.20	NESHOBA	4835.00	7144.30	11979.30
HILLCREST	86.00	0.00	86.00	MIT ZION	2650.22	3478.17	6128.39	EASTVIEW	1527.00	545.00	2072.00	NEW BETHEL	1035.15	1827.67	2862.82
HOLSTON ROAD	3407.31	1843.47	5250.78	NEW HOPE	784.68	1277.68	2062.36	EMMANUEL	120.00	0.00	120.00	NEW BLACK JACK	589.97	1227.69	1817.66
INMAN SPRINGS	16175.58	9435.45	25611.03	NEW PROVIDENCE	360.00	40.00	400.00	ENON	459.40	417.00	876.40	NEW HARMONY	616.00	150.00	766.00
LAWN HAVEN	1835.61	5126.58	6962.19	NEW ZION	162.21	423.00	585.21	FAIRVIEW	82217.12	48019.40	130236.52	NEW PLEASANTDALE	150.00	500.00	650.00
LOWERY CREEK	4726.06	6384.14	11110.20	PLEASANT HILL	1535.97	2825.97	4361.94	FAITH	20866.16	16110.10	36976.26	NORTH CALVARY	2999.28	3488.89	6488.17
MAGNOLIA	9277.58	10236.29	19513.87	RENEW	200.00	1226.00	1426.00	FBC COLUMBUS	123210.53	152387.66	275598.19	OAK GROVE	802.00	1101.00	1903.00
MOSELLE MEMORIAL	5740.90	5917.47	11658.37	ROCKY POINT	1589.75	1589.75	3179.50	FBC MABEN	4010.53	3948.35	7958.88	OLD PEARL VALLEY	3250.21	6165.21	9415.42
MYRICK	2634.35	1470.13	4104.48	SALEM	889.65	359.00	1248.65	FBC MARKVILLE	59376.20	80306.11	139682.31	PINE GROVE	2985.00	9651.00	12636.00
NEW HOPE	2494.09	1305.50	3799.59	SPRINGFIELD	447.78	500.00	947.78	FBC WEST POINT	27021.89	26323.97	53345.86	SALEM	883.88	1177.83	2061.71
OAKLAND GROVE	5002.90	2694.37	7697.27	STANDING PINE	802.54	1817.92	2620.46	FELLOWSHIP	5155.00	3446.02	8601.02	SAND HILL	388.50	388.50	777.00
PARK HAVEN	2671.41	4036.63	6708.04	SUNRISE	1851.00	4736.00	6587.00	FRIENDSHIP COLUMBUS	711.71	468.42	1180.13	SARDIS	388.50	1738.78	2027.27
PECAN GROVE	7533.00	5165.46	12698.46	SUNSHINE	2819.56	1409.96	4229.52	FRIENDSHIP-STURGIS	4919.00	3265.17	8184.17	SPRING CREEK	9693.84	7529.49	17223.33
PINE GROVE	7533.00	5165.46	12698.46	SUNSHINE	2819.56	1409.96	4229.52	HEBRON	1200.00	2005.35	3205.35	TRINITY	3260.33	7113.61	10373.94
PLAINWAY	9061.24	7164.91	16226.15	TRINITY	4930.30	5239.74	10170.04	HOPE	100.00	1281.00	1381.00	WEST PHILADELPHIA	0.00	500.00	500.00
PLEASANT HOME	7269.02	3795.27	11064.29	TUSCULA	474.86	1915.00	2389.86	IMMANUEL	1410.77	1363.65	2774.42	WHITE OAK	0.00	1123.00	1123.00
SALEM HEIGHTS	11225.00	652.00	11877.00	WALNUT GROVE	4254.95	719.87	4974.82	KOLOLA SPRINGS	712.92	2107.15	2820.07	TOTAL	100895.03	162448.48	263343.51
SAND HILL	6584.74	2809.39	9394.13	WEST CARTHAGE	829.93	1330.85	2160.78	LONGVIEW	1296.36	252.00	1548.36				
SANDERSVILLE	12876.50	4761.40	17637.90	WIGGINS	670.40	944.40	1614.80	MCBEE	1434.36	1554.36	2988.72				
SECON AVENUE	6500.00	13606.87	20106.87	TOTAL	56126.34	73365.75	129492.09	MEADOWVIEW	18361.50	9656.52	28018.02	NEW CHOCTAW			
SHELTON	3205.02	1437.00	4642.02					MONTPELIER	1773.51	1540.00	3313.51	BOGUE CHITTO	0.00	366.00	366.00
SUMMERLAND	7896.85	10266.79	18163.64	LEBANON	1756.47	1878.67	3635.14	MORGAN CHAPEL	5880.73	3968.62	9849.35	CANAAN	163.28	508.62	671.90
TALLAHOMA	149.24	45.00	194.24	BEACON	8548.00	5251.52	13799.52	MT VERNON	24620.05	14009.20	38629.25	CORINTH	0.00	200.00	200.00
TRINITY	13299.42	9083.35	22382.77	CARTERVILLE	29071.23	15655.38	44726.61	MT ZION	20540.65	4009.57	24550.22	MACEDONIA	0.00	534.81	534.81
TUCKERS CROSSING	9033.47	8609.50	17642.97	CRESTVIEW	2210.00	2509.50	4719.50	NEW HOPE	3276.42	4265.15	7541.57	MT ZION	125.00	675.00	800.00
UNITY	3125.00	3015.00	6140.00	CROSSROADS	220.00	80.00	300.00	NEW SALEM	5923.94	10038.80	15962.74	PEAK RIVER COMMUNITY	0.00	113.00	113.00
WEST ELLISVILLE	21773.99	13176.07	34950.06	DIXIE	15805.47	19011.83	34817.30	PEHEA	3341.47	1539.61	4881.08	TOTAL	288.28	2612.90	2901.18
WEST LAUREL	19742.16	16443.73	36185.89	EXHIBIT	1012.83	1012.83	2025.66	PLEASANT HILL	25737.00	6519.85	32256.85				
WILDWOOD	5973.05	5955.65	11928.70	FBC BROOKLYN	4799.81	3186.94	7986.75	PLEASANT RIDGE	0.00	92.00	92.00	NEWTON			
TOTAL	438152.87	292767.61	730920.48	FBC CARNES	1877.00	982.66	2859.66	PLYMOUTH	371.76	37.76	409.52	BEAT LINE	739.48	797.86	1537.34
				FBC GLENDARE	15056.93	13260.27	28317.20	SLAOM	1200.00	800.00	2000.00	BETHEL	933.00	1790.00	2723.00
KEMPER				FBC HATTIESBURG	75156.77	75101.24	150258.01	STURGIS	5380.40	10933.99	16313.39	BEULAH	4999.98	11304.77	16304.75
BAY SPRINGS	900.26	807.40	1707.66	FBC MCCLAUIN	3376.59	5821.19	9197.78	TRINITY	0.00	1988.60	1988.60	CALVARY	7159.01	4728.29	11887.30
BLACKWATER	1431.33	3426.10	4857.43	FBC PETAL	8996.58	8365.67	17362.25	WAKE FOREST	2519.68	1643.72	4163.40	CHUNKY	9981.30	14259.97	24241.27
BLUFF SPRINGS	484.00	0.00	484.00	GRACE CHAPEL	8380.57	3122.21	11502.78	WEST END	13701.58	2219.16	15920.74	CLARKE VENABLE	28782.89	15190.94	43973.83
CENTER RIDGE	1750.00	2355.00	4105.00	GREENS CREEK	8380.57	3122.21	11502.78	TOTAL	64854.38	48787.93	113642.31	CONEHATTA	3703.74	2648.47	6352.21
CORINTH	533.66	340.00	873.66	LINCOLN ROAD	7139.64	6243.00	13382.64					DOUFFE	950.00	357.00	1307.00
DEKALB	5392.57	5277.81	10670.38	LYNN RAY ROAD	1380.10	5077.71	6457.81					EMMANUEL	1061.33	1061.33	2122.66
LIBERTY	2200.00	1993.00	4193.00	MACEDONIA	19449.11	6744.08	26193.19					FBC NEWTON	46826.51	37599.76	84426.27
SALEM	200.00	900.00	1100.00	MAIN STREET	39664.95	38718.63	78383.58					FBC UNION	22024.26	27464.96	49489.22
SCOOBA	5596.01	6157.31	11753.32	MT VERNON	5690.44	3199.58	8890.02					GOOD HOPE	211.54	542.00	753.54
UNION	886.27	1508.63	2394.90	MT OLIVE MISSIONARY	522.89	29.00	551.89					HICKORY	26987.92	15289.17	42277.09
UNION HILL	0.00	270.00	270.00	NEW HOPE	522.89	29.00	551.89					HOPEWELL	3509.88	3701.43	7211.31
VARDAMAN	822.99	822.99	1645.98	NINETEENTH AVENUE	4809.52	4973.77	9783.29					LAWRENCE	1599.00	1900.00	3508.00
WAHALAK	846.00	300.00	1146.00	NORTH 31ST AVENUE	0.00	422.00	422.00					LIBERTY	1599.00	1900.00	3508.00
TOTAL	21047.09	24158.24	45205.33	PETAL HARVEY	33223.46	21401.80	54625.26					MIDWAY	2178.00	2021.00	4199.00
				PROVIDENCE	5847.31	1421.97	7269.28					MT NEBO	2242.31	3109.18	5351.49
LAFAYETTE				RAWLINS SPRINGS	9414.51	6730.77	16145.28					MT VERNON	3261.04	5035.72	8296.76
ANCHOR	15384.00	8110.00	23494.00	RIDGECREST	986.00	1251.86	2237.86					NEW IRELAND	803.99	964.54	1768.53
CALVARY	2100.00	1635.09	3735.09	SOUTH 28TH AVENUE	1451.49	1104.43	2555.92					POPLAR SPRINGS	1332.00	1350.00	2682.00
CLEAR CREEK	9558.80	7735.42	17294.22	SUNRISE	6484.00	5051.00	11535.00					ROCK BRANCH	1257.00	1666.00	2923.00
COLLEGE HILL HEIGHTS	3401.45	4022.51	7423.96	TEMPLE HATTIESBURG	94166.32	73443.85	167610.17					SULPHUR SPRINGS	4810.91	6708.42	11519.33
DELAWARE	620.00	79.60	699.60	TRINITY BETHLEHEM	15621.71	12722.09	28393.80					TOTAL	178439.61	164192.00	342631.61
DENMARK	186.41	79.60	266.01	UNIVERSITY	542.20	1221.10	1763.30								
FBC ABBEVILLE	8725.42	19376.05	28101.47	ASSOCIATION	0.00	3135.99	3135.99								
FBC OXFORD	34537.80	50276.81	84814.61	AUBURN	11653.10	3135.99	3135.99								
HARMONTOWN	10676.93	7355.82	18032.75	BELDEN	20686.38	11462.14	20760.36								
NEW BETHEL	1886.00	4279.49	6165.49	BETHANY	100.00	900.00	1000.00								
NEW HOPE	392.05	451.86	843.91	BIRMINGHAM	2000.00	0.00	2000.00								
NEW PROSPECT	14488.44	1351.00	15839.44	BISSELL	4714.60	1531.73	6246.33								
NORTH OXFORD	60023.89	24337.08	84360.97	BREWER	7293.01	3787.84	11080.85								
OLD UNION	204.00	610.00	814.00	CALVARY	161200.28	63544.65	224744.93								
PARIS	391.51	1213.03	1604.54	CAMP CREEK	6098.37	3164.76	9263.13								
PHILADELPHIA	738.00	5306.00	6044.00	CHESTERVILLE	3108.82	1924.43	5033.25								
SHILOH	5755.58	15168.88	20924.46	CHESTERVILLE	3108.82	1924.43	5033.25								
TAYLOR	1613.72	826.61	2440.33	CHESTERVILLE	3108.82	1924.43	5033.25								
TEMPLE HEIGHTS	2110.45	1741.68	3852.13	CHESTERVILLE	3108.82	1924.43	5033.25								
TRINITY	120.00	142.90	262.90	CHESTERVILLE	3108.82	1924.43	5033.25								
TULA	3368.33	2512.89	5881.22	CHESTERVILLE	3108.82	1924.43	5033.25								
UNION WEST	2203.22	3513.56	5716.78	CHESTERVILLE	3108.82	1924.43	5033.25								
YELLOW LEAF	5348.83	25683.29	31032.12	CHESTERVILLE	3108.82	1924.43	5033.25								
TOTAL	183834.83	176399.57	360234.40	CHESTERVILLE	3108.82	1924.43	5033.25								

	COOP PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL
WEST SIDE TOTAL	724.39	542.85	1267.24
PANOLA	23999.93	34288.44	58288.37
CALVARY	12452.61	7849.86	20302.47
COMO	2659.09	1358.10	4017.19
COURTLAND	2306.00	2866.00	5172.00
CRESHAW	2876.00	3335.60	6211.60
END LAKE	762.60	729.40	1492.00
ENON	2020.00	1263.16	3283.16
FBC BATESVILLE	69027.87	22528.81	91556.68
FBC SARDIS	19388.40	24992.75	44381.15
FIRST FAITH	170.03	425.00	595.03
GOOD HOPE	2558.62	3566.25	6124.87
HEBRON	2329.21	136.00	2465.21
IMMANUEL	1166.13	487.00	1653.13
LIGHT HILL	4180.00	140.00	4320.00
LOCKE STATION	3137.64	1752.60	4890.24
MCIVOR	33.11	25.00	58.11
NORTH BATESVILLE	3595.55	2800.25	6395.80
PEACH CREEK	2338.13	5570.00	7908.13
PHARSAIA	236.40	0.00	236.40
PILGRIMS REST	367.38	1570.00	1937.38
POPE	7078.00	2248.00	9326.00
ROSE HILL	100.00	423.00	523.00
SARDIS LAKE	3406.73	2172.58	5579.31
SHADY GROVE	2004.00	2347.51	4351.51
UNION	1326.51	774.00	2100.51
UNION	1017.01	1637.22	2654.23
UNION TOTAL	149847.02	91243.08	241090.10
PEARL RIVER			
BETHLE	6590.48	7797.48	14387.96
CENTRAL	6339.69	2326.77	8666.46
CORINTH	655.29	420.58	1075.87
CRANE CREEK	3379.13	379.13	3758.26
DERBY	766.80	1423.80	2190.60
EMMANUEL	120.00	120.00	240.00
FAITH MEMORIAL	1384.50	814.41	2198.91
FBC CARRIER	1562.70	1565.15	3127.85
FBC NICHOLSON	1650.00	950.00	2600.00
FBC OZONA	1453.25	233.29	1686.54
FBC PICAYUNE	61570.08	7479.46	69049.54
FBC POPLARVILLE	26051.07	25231.23	51282.30
FLAT TOP UNIT	1117.58	977.03	2094.61
FORDS CREEK	2091.00	2054.75	4145.75
GOODYEAR	8505.12	6625.60	15130.72
GRACE ROAD	1476.99	3234.50	4711.49
HARMONY	2125.45	457.45	2582.90
HILLCREST ROAD	1098.34	1410.78	2509.12
WILSON LANDING ROAD	635.48	0.00	635.48
UNION GROVE	7463.50	7105.47	14568.97
NEW HENLEYFIELD	1265.78	2146.46	3412.24
NEW WALESTINE	9305.14	12746.05	22051.19
OAK HILL	2840.91	400.00	3240.91
OLIVE	4010.00	2169.72	6179.72
PARKVIEW	1159.74	10637.80	11797.54
PINE GROVE	12759.00	2017.09	14776.09
ROLLING HILLS	26021.00	28940.61	54961.61
ROSELAND PARK	1116.40	2832.20	3948.60
SPRINGHILL	7120.46	14243.95	21364.41
STEEPLE HOLLOW	16954.92	15518.69	32473.61
UNION	5336.51	7221.04	12557.55
WEST POPLARVILLE	410.74	615.00	1025.74
WEST UNION	839.51	1015.30	1854.81
WHITE SAND	769.05	2061.56	2830.61
UNION TOTAL	228685.35	246467.08	475152.43
PERRY			
ARLINGTON	970.00	225.00	1195.00
BREWER	1926.00	1392.00	3318.00
BUCK CREEK	509.75	120.00	629.75
CALVARY	486.69	0.00	486.69
EASTSIDE	1400.00	391.52	1791.52
FBC BEAUMONT	4502.78	1939.04	6441.82
FBC NEW AUGUSTA	2672.00	2533.00	5205.00
FBC RICHMOND	23530.00	12784.00	36314.00
FBC RUMBLESTOWN	6094.88	1995.05	8089.93
GOOD HOPE	0.00	1582.00	1582.00
INDIAN SPRINGS	5077.91	12014.30	17092.21
LANIC	1011.29	1476.86	2488.15
LEOPARD	583.35	1376.28	1959.63
MEMORIAL	2469.10	136.00	2605.10
SEMINARY	545.46	1115.91	1661.37
THOMPSON HILL	1019.62	1584.15	2603.77
UNION	536.21	670.00	1206.21
UNION TOTAL	53335.04	41335.11	94670.15
PIKE			
*ASSOCIATION	0.00	110.03	110.03
BALA CHITTO	1707.70	1500.00	3207.70
BLUFF SPRINGS	1741.37	1734.00	3475.37
BUCK CHITTO	3824.67	1000.00	4824.67
CALVARY	3431.21	2095.44	5526.65
CENTRAL	24981.82	13165.44	38147.26
EAST MCCOMB	14231.13	5576.43	19807.56
EAST UNION	1500.00	1906.56	3406.56
FBC MAGNOLIA	21786.80	24654.96	46441.76
FBC MCCOMB	24786.17	52405.09	77191.26
FBC SUMMIT	42141.97	50980.35	93122.32
FELLOWSHIP	2937.01	685.00	3622.01
FERNWOOD	1500.00	383.70	1883.70
FRIENDSHIP	8280.87	10210.15	18491.02
HOLMESVILLE	2020.36	1780.00	3800.36
IMMANUEL	600.00	779.15	1379.15
JOHNSON STATION	2318.97	896.90	3215.87
LOCUST STREET	5710.00	433.27	6143.27
MT ZION	1924.27	697.00	2621.27
NAVILLA	10320.19	9140.24	19460.43
NORTH MCCOMB	6930.12	1573.00	8503.12
OSVKA	3932.00	4845.91	8777.91
PROGRESS	2029.49	931.00	2960.49
SILVER CREEK	5939.99	7356.99	13296.98
SILVER SPRINGS	415.42	1323.66	1739.08
SOUTH MCCOMB	6497.24	9443.15	15940.39
TANGIPAHOA	6767.98	4964.50	11732.48
TERRY'S CREEK	13092.23	2590.30	15682.53
UNION	387.50	2035.75	2423.25
WEST MCCOMB	9560.62	7439.38	17000.00
UNION TOTAL	280167.71	220358.70	500526.41
PONTOTOC			
ALGOMA	5114.39	1469.84	6584.23
BELLEVUE	613.01	920.33	1533.33
CAIRO	2810.56	124.33	2934.89
CAREY SPRINGS	1585.50	3171.00	4756.50
CHERRY CREEK	7730.98	6595.42	14326.40
CHERRYVILLE	690.00	1243.00	1933.00
COOKE MEMORIAL	0.00	3045.00	3045.00
COUNTY LINE	6917.00	1750.00	8667.00
ECRU	19549.65	13734.01	33283.66
ENIDVILLE	191.16	616.00	807.16
FBC PONTOTOC	47024.49	27632.61	74657.10
FBC TROY	2560.01	1200.00	3760.01
FRIENDSHIP	13469.91	10161.89	23631.80
FURRS	1960.38	3413.05	5373.43
GERSHORN	0.00	100.00	100.00
GREEN VALLEY	4505.13	6472.28	10977.41
HARMONY	4019.00	5210.00	9229.00
HEBRON	200.00	250.00	450.00
HOWELL	0.00	707.00	707.00
HORTON MEMORIAL	0.00	85.00	85.00
IMMANUEL	2135.23	1367.60	3502.83
LIBERTY	8302.53	7529.66	15832.19
LOCUST HILL	3213.00	3545.00	6758.00
LONGVIEW	11445.00	1465.00	12910.00
MACEDONIA	0.00	248.43	248.43
MIDWAY	1939.06	2756.84	4695.90
NEW FAITH	1093.45	2393.45	3486.90
NEW HOPE	75.00	164.19	239.19
NEW ROBBES BETHLE	0.00	53.00	53.00
OAK DALE	2708.40	2246.80	4955.20
OAK HILL	1009.85	1919.09	2928.94
PINE GROVE	1057.80	0.00	1057.80
RANDOLPH	4817.05	4657.39	9474.44
SCHOONA CHAPEL	0.00	300.00	300.00
SHADY GROVE	2678.00	5832.75	8510.75
SPRINGVIEW	389.91	340.96	730.87
THAXTON	2366.82	3468.92	5835.74
TOCCOPOLA	47.08	300.96	348.04
TOXISH	1260.00	1362.00	2622.00
TROY	2206.42	2485.34	4691.76
TURNPIKE	1366.14	399.00	1765.14
VALLEY GROVE	1918.70	2445.15	4363.85
WEST HEIGHTS	62598.73	13973.03	76571.76
WOODLAND	914.49	3628.72	4543.21
ZION	5556.96	124.15	5681.11
UNION TOTAL	241040.69	152401.11	393441.80
PRENTISS			
CALVARY	2335.90	3602.90	5938.80
CANDLERS CHAPEL	860.37	1493.08	2353.45
CASBY CREEK	983.00	1402.98	2385.98
CRESTWOOD	1498.55	3723.05	5221.60
EAST BOONEVILLE	14542.45	26829.89	41372.34
EAST MARIETTA	899.30	899.30	1798.60
EAST PLEASANT RIDGE	1008.58	2881.84	3890.42
EAST PRENTISS	2542.52	4590.15	7132.67
FAIRVIEW	1494.29	3964.21	5458.50
FBC BOONEVILLE	27782.36	70477.25	98259.61
FBC JUMPERTOWN	415.12	512.12	927.24

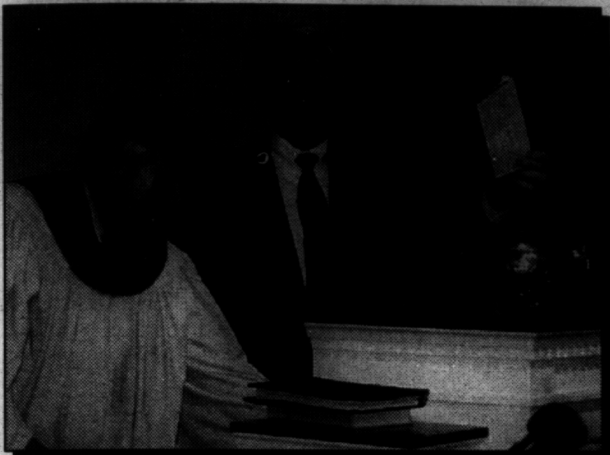
	COOP PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL
FOREST HILL	838.00	468.00	1306.00
GASTON	10784.47	13777.58	24562.05
HILL'S CHAPEL	166.47	83.25	249.72
INGRAM	2593.20	5314.37	7907.57
MT OLIVE	9727.47	9943.35	19670.82
MT ZION COMMUNITY	150.00	.00	150.00
NEW BURTON	334.45	109.00	443.45
OAK HILL	1098.54	3463.70	4562.24
OSBORNE CREEK	1334.90	2084.90	3419.80
PINEY GROVE	375.64	976.95	1352.59
PLEASANT GROVE	129.50	189.50	319.00
THRASHER	1160.16	4440.02	5600.18
TUSCUMBIA	548.00	1917.00	2465.00
WHEELER	2658.72	3196.86	5855.58
TOTAL	86275.06	113993.21	200268.27
RANKIN			
ANDREW CHAPEL	427.32	2114.69	2542.01
ANTIOCH	11000.57	6440.31	17440.88
BAREFOOT SPRINGS	483.62	1708.26	2191.88
BETHLE	5199.38	4639.76	9839.14
BRIAR HILL	51564.00	22767.54	74331.54
CASTLEWOODS	9644.41	4926.89	14571.30
CATO	15713.03	13047.57	28760.60
CENTRAL	.00	520.00	520.00
CLEAR BRANCH	2633.28	2170.63	4803.91
CLEARLY	14073.28	8453.31	22526.59
CONCORD	4878.68	2532.00	7410.68
COUNTY LINE	600.00	625.00	1225.00
CROSS ROADS	4326.34	3392.98	7719.32
CROSSGATES	82120.46	19213.91	101334.37
CROSSVIEW	3062.56	3949.36	7011.92
DRY CREEK	953.00	408.00	1361.00
EASTSIDE PEARL	21105.32	7972.47	29077.79
EASTSIDE PELAHATCHIE	1650.89	1366.94	3017.83
FBC BRANDON	11657.00	63473.04	180048.04
FBC FANNIN	16826.38	10866.21	27692.59
FBC FLORENCE	26477.19	27966.36	54443.55
FBC FLOWOOD	9647.95	5545.90	15193.85
FBC PEARL	36648.14	21828.67	58476.81
FBC RICHLAND	18333.32	29000.00	47333.32
GALILEE	589.82	1194.91	1784.73
GRACE	536.73	793.25	1329.98
GRANDVIEW	7634.81	5866.62	13501.43
GUNTER ROAD	2092.00	5136.00	7228.00
HICKORY RIDGE	2247.00	3109.50	5356.50
JOHNS	1369.41	2448.47	3817.88
LAKE HARBOR	1016.13	453.49	1469.62
LEESBURG	9746.06	4040.36	13786.42
LIBERTY	12722.31	7315.33	20037.64
LIFELINE	735.40	314.60	1050.00
MCLAURIN HEIGHTS	36192.62	24568.59	60761.21
MEADOW GROVE	6600.03	5785.99	12386.02
MOUNTAIN CREEK	1708.00	1675.00	3383.00
MT PISGAH	6048.43	3801.18	9849.61
MT ZION	6578.00	4332.00	10910.00
OAKDALE	11434.70	908.88	12343.58
PARK PLACE	30450.59	29247.46	59698.05
PAUL TRUITT MEMORIAL	7655.60	4923.46	12579.06
PEARSON	6000.02	8496.37	14496.39
PELAHATCHIE	24375.66	11313.05	35688.71
PINE CREST	2340.49	1376.02	3716.51
PINELEAK	6267.89	6562.42	69180.31
PROVIDENCE	403.95	.00	403.95
PUCKETT	11341.04	3235.45	14576.49
REHOBETH	3175.61	2648.88	5824.49
ROBINHOOD	1185.50	1893.57	3079.07
ROCK BLUFF	391.67	356.06	747.73
ROCK HILL	2465.70	3858.76	8124.46
STAR	24649.38	16859.10	41508.48
THORN HILL	71.78	71.78	143.56
TRINITY	1541.61	1027.55	2569.16
UNION	6000.00	5124.21	5724.21
WALKER HILL	9139.25	2550.02	11689.27
TOTAL	751401.31	436218.13	1187619.44
SCOTT			
"ASSOCIATION	.00	89.00	89.00
BETHLEHEM	2905.67	3295.00	6200.67
BIRNCH	335.23	295.85	5909.04
CLVALRY	1767.16	2596.51	4363.51
CASH	966.00	700.00	1666.00
CLIFTON	723.96	1519.00	2242.96
COOPERVILLE	156.10	83.19	239.29
EAST FOREST	127.95	549.24	677.19
EAST MORTON	600.00	300.00	900.00
EPHESUS	1185.90	3200.00	4080.00
FBC LAKE	9259.93	1361.78	10621.71
FBC MORTON	9582.36	10885.72	20468.08
FOREST	37128.84	31048.53	68177.37
HARPERVILLE	8480.79	9300.91	17781.70
HILLSBORO	2321.56	3045.11	5366.67
HILLWOOD	1155.48	1073.32	3032.96
HOPEWELL	1631.00	2028.00	3659.00
LIBERTY	821.08	1087.00	1908.08
LINE CREEK	516.42	1271.00	1787.42
LUDLOW	5256.29	7293.98	12550.27
NEW GOOD HOPE	.00	3750.00	3750.00
NEW HOME	334.65	.00	334.65
NEW LIBERTY	2623.36	6757.40	9380.76
NEW ZION	298.58	431.00	729.58
NORTH MORTON	1173.89	198.43	1372.32
OAK GROVE	500.00	1771.00	2271.00
PARKWAY	974.90	1462.33	2437.23
PULASKI	467.50	512.63	980.13
REHOBETH	1149.72	300.00	1449.72
SEBASTOPOL	8528.13	3123.22	11651.65
SPRINGFIELD	12395.51	10437.63	22833.14
STEELE	1592.68	1987.15	3579.83
TEMPLE	1184.00	3440.00	4624.00
TOTAL	119785.74	119929.19	239714.93
SHARKEY-ISSAQ			
CARY	581.60	1035.00	1616.60
DEER CREEK	2695.16	4774.98	7470.14
FBC ANGUILLA	4622.10	1525.00	6147.10
FBC ROLLING FORK	15081.82	4520.39	19602.21
STRAIGHT BAYOU	2185.71	4598.00	6783.71
VALLEY PARK	3965.80	3744.43	7710.23
TOTAL	29132.19	20197.80	49329.99
SIMPSON			
ANTIOCH	4032.91	4173.77	8206.68
BETHLEHEM	1037.38	156.50	1193.88
BEULAH	506.75	2527.14	3033.89
CLVALRY	60.00	60.00	120.00
CLVALRY BRAXTON	846.51	3790.35	4636.86
COAT	1848.34	1490.17	3338.51
CORINTH	8500.90	7983.25	16484.15
D'LO	467.31	2501.91	2969.22
DRY CREEK	6334.26	9228.92	15563.18
EASTSIDE	540.08	326.72	866.80
FBC BRAXTON	349.51	1563.58	5185.58
FBC MAGEE	46126.50	28868.09	74994.59
FBC MENDENHALL	34965.51	22852.99	57818.50
FELLOWSHIP	1443.21	1443.21	2886.42
GOODWATER	9876.39	6887.83	16764.22
GOSHEN	100.00	100.00	200.00
GLU SPRINGS	283.14	538.14	821.28
HARRISVILLE	5465.06	6193.22	11658.28
HOLLY GROVE	2678.00	2272.00	4950.00
JUPITER	650.00	392.00	1042.00
KENNEDY SPRINGS	1219.00	749.56	1968.56
MACEDONIA	1435.77	3395.37	4831.14
MAGEE PLEASANT HILL	772.99	386.50	1159.49
MAIN STREET	4100.00	2676.73	6786.73
MT ZION	2031.51	395.62	5984.13
NEW BETHLEHEM	.00	350.00	350.00
NEW HOPE	273.51	800.00	1073.51
NEW ZION	1729.60	1575.14	3304.74
OAK GROVE	1493.01	3097.41	4590.42
PALESTINE	400.00	1363.00	1763.00
PINE GROVE	1484.22	2137.50	3621.72
PINOLA	533.00	1552.00	2085.00
PLEASANT HILL	630.20	273.31	903.51
PLEASANT VALLEY	479.56	.00	479.56
POPLAR SPRINGS	9193.33	10540.30	19733.63
SHIVERS	970.59	2573.09	3543.68
SILVER HILL	5054.41	5972.23	11026.62
STONEWALL	374.12	289.59	663.71
STRONG RIVER	.00	1492.65	1492.65
WEATHERSBY	1299.42	1575.65	2875.07
TOTAL	162729.15	148416.02	311145.17
SMITH			
ANTS	333.50	333.50	667.00
BEAVER DAM	160.00	.00	160.00
BURNS	260.00	287.00	550.00
CLEAR SPRINGS	417.36	1418.00	1835.36
CONCORD	1914.46	1723.46	3637.92
CORINTH	.00	.00	340.00
EASTSIDE	2410.00	56.00	2466.00
FBC ALIZE	.00	344.00	580.00
FBC PULKVILLE	3970.50	3987.45	7957.95
FBC RALEIGH	22858.14	18665.63	41523.77
FBC TAYLORSVILLE	12499.98	8666.68	21166.66
FELLOWSHIP	1034.99	1869.99	2904.98
GOODWATER	362.00	216.00	578.00
HARMONY	1002.22	336.61	1338.83
LEAF RIVER	1966.53	317.88	5084.44
LIBERTY	492.56	942.54	1435.10
LORENA	999.96	2000.02	2999.98

JUST FOR THE RECORD

Second Church, Greenville, celebrated its 60th anniversary on July 19. The guest pastor was Robert Perry, who was called to preach while his father served

as pastor of Second Church. Perry presented the cornerstone of the old church building that had been retrieved by J. R. Eubanks, first pastor of Second Church.

The church started eight missions, five of which became churches in the association. Pictured are Perry (bottom left) presenting the cornerstone, and Richard Gordon, pastor. Pictured at the note burning during the services are Gordon and Paul Kimbriel, chairman of deacons.



Kimbriel and Gordon



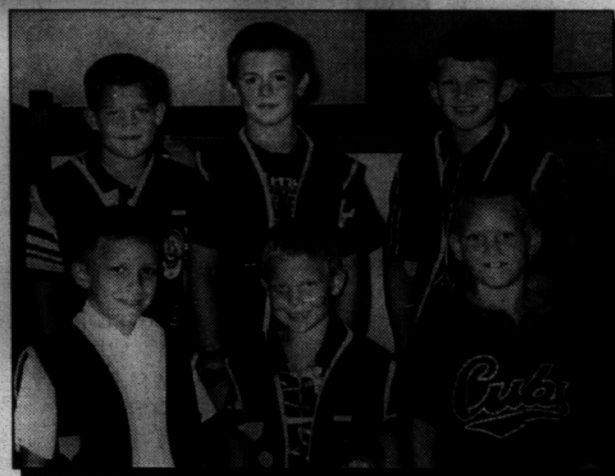
Perry and Gordon

Vestal and Happy Goodman will be in concert at North Oxford Church, Oxford, on Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. Call (601) 234-1101 for more information.

Explorer's Bible Study is an interdenominational Bible study that offers an in-depth study of the Old and New Testaments. A new class will begin every Tuesday starting on Aug. 25 at the Williamsville Church, Kosciusko. Claire Kennedy will be leading the class in a study of Genesis. For more information call Kennedy at (601) 290-0584 or Cindy Simpson at 289-6273.

County Line Church, Ovett, held an RA and GA recognition service on July 26. RAs (pictured, from left) top row, are Kenton Hollimon, Chris Beard, and Zachary Cole; bottom row, Philip Cole, Hunter Scarborough, and Mark Owen. Not pictured are RA Marshall Long and Gary and Sharon West, leaders.

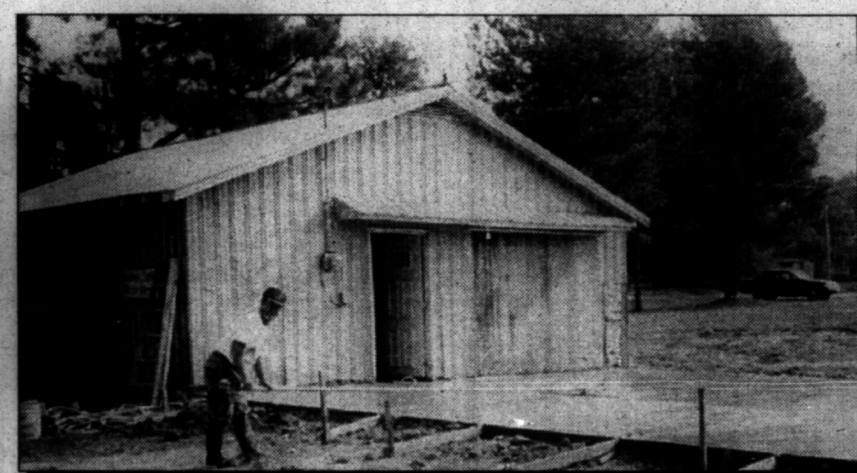
GAs, (pictured, from left) top row, are Cheri Owen, Brook Hollimon, and Ashley Dean; middle row, April Farmer, Hannah Holliman, and Erica Sutton; bottom row, Jessica Dewitt, Shannon West, and Haylee Holliman. Not pictured are GA Meagan Long and Casee Phillips and Deidra Dean, leaders.



County Line, Ovett, RAs



County Line, Ovett, GAs



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Tishomingo Baptist Association held a dedication service on June 20 for a 24'x95' building (pictured). Tishomingo Association went to the 24'x95' building from a 24'x30' in just three months. The work was done by volunteers, under the leadership of Troy Dean and Bobby Cobb, director of missions.

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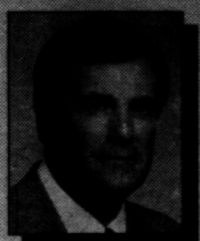
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Clarification

In the article entitled, "Futral called as MBCB executive director" on page three of the Aug. 6 issue of The Baptist Record, the names of two of Jim Futral's brothers were inadvertently omitted. Larry Futral is minister of music at First Church, Ocean Springs. Randy Futral is pastor of Mt. View Church, Ripley.

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HELP NEEDED

Editor:

"HILFE" — That's German for HELP! And that's what we need — your help. My wife Pam and I have been serving for over 16 years as IMB (FMB), SBC missionaries to eastern Bavaria in Germany.

Your International Mission Board now wants us to start as many Home Bible study/House-Churches as possible as soon as possible. That's why we need help. We need you to pray for us and about yourself. God is leading us to build a team of three to four church planter couples.

Please ask God if he wants you to come and be a part of that team as a career or associate missionary.

The work will involve first learning German to be able to speak fluently. Don't worry you'll receive enough language training and on-the-job practice to reach this goal.

Then as a part of a highly motivated team, you'll be visiting families door-to-door and sharing the gospel and offering Bible studies, with the goal of reaching people for Christ and starting as many "House-Church" groups as possible.

So pray about it and ask God

if he wants you to be a part of our Operation East Bavaria team. If you feel led in this direction, then please send me a resume with picture and brief description of you and your family, and a personal testimony.

Of course, you'll have to pass all the IMB requirements for missionary service, but send me your information first ... that will make things a lot easier.

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HISTORY AVAILABLE

Editor:

As a highlight of our Sesquicentennial Celebration in 1998 at First Church, Kosciusko, we will release in December "The History of First Baptist Church of Kosciusko, Mississippi, 1848-1998."

This comprehensive history will be a hard-bound book of approximately 700 pages, with 200 pictures. Included in the contents will be 26 chapters by pastorates, WMU history, Answering the Call to Mis-

sions, Memories (I Remember When) over 150 members or former members responded, the Sesquicentennial Celebration, 30 sections in the appendix with leadership listings and the church membership 1848-1998 (approximately 7,000 listings).

The surname index will contain more than 1,288 names.

Pre-publication orders are now being taken: \$15.00 if picked up at the church, \$18.00 if to be mailed.

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Editor:

As God gave of himself for us, we are called to be living sacrifices to share his love and provision with those around us. This is definitely the mission of the Crestwood Clinic for Christ.

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However, with patient waiting lists over 250 people long, we are backed up 6 to 8 months. We desperately need more volunteers.

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Steve Warren has accepted

the position of minister of music at First Church, Horn Lake. His previous place of service was Immanuel Church, Corbin, Ky.

Warren received his education at Holmes Community College, The University of Mississippi, and New Orleans Seminary.



Warren

Arnold Davis Sr. has accepted the position as chaplain for Stay-home Hospice, Inc., which serves the following counties: Choctaw, Noxubee, Winston, Neshoba, Leake, Scott, Attala, and Holmes. Davis will also serve as bivocational pastor of West End Church, Louisville, beginning Sept. 1.

Harrison Weger resigned as pastor of Trinity Church, Laurel, June 14. He is taking a disability

retirement. This completed 33 years of pastoring in Mississippi and Arkansas. His new address is 1010 Harvey Hill Place, Brandon, MS 39042, telephone number is (601) 824-0481.

First Church, Terry, has called John H. Pace Jr. as pastor effective July 12. He had served as pastor of Walnut Grove Church, Walnut Grove, since January 1993.

Pace received his education at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N. C. and New Orleans Seminary.



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Foundation announces two new scholarships

The Mississippi Baptist Foundation (MBF) has announced the establishment of two new scholarship funds, according to Jane Newell, MBF associate director.

Carl and Martha Ann Courtney Durr, members of First Church, Florence, recently established separate scholarship funds in memory of their parents, to be used for students at one of the three Mississippi Baptist colleges or one of the six Southern Baptist seminaries.

The Bryan and Laura Weathersby Courtney Memorial Trust Fund was established in memory of Martha Ann's parents, according to Newell. The Courtneys were natives of Rankin County. Bryan Courtney was a member of the board of the Christian Action Commission from 1964-68, a deacon, and Sunday School superintendent at First Church, Florence.

Laura Weathersby Courtney taught Sunday School at First

Florence, and was a member of the Woman's Missionary Union. The Courtney's are also survived by a son, Dewey Courtney of Florence.

The Rev. Shelby and Allie Mae Everett Durr and Jason Ray James Memorial Trust Fund was established in memory of Carl Durr's parents, and also to memorialize the life of a great nephew, Jason Ray James, who died at age 21 in 1998.

The Durrs were natives of Scott County. Shelby Durr was

ordained to the ministry at age 44 in Delhi, Louisiana, where he spent most of his ministry. The Durrs are also survived by a daughter, Clara Lou Swearingen of Meridian.

According to Newell, scholarship funds can be established in honor of an individual, or in memory of a loved one.



FINALIZING SCHOLARSHIPS — Establishing two new scholarship funds with the Mississippi Baptist Foundation (MBF) are Martha Ann Courtney Durr (second from left) and Carl Durr (second from right). Jerry Thornhill (right), MBF accountant, and Jane Newell (left), MBF associate director, assisted the Durrs. (Photo by Carl M. White)

Staying Well Informed

Prostate Cancer: Know the Facts

Joe is a 53-year-old executive. He has enjoyed good health, and has made great efforts to stay healthy. Rarely taking a sick day from work, Joe was alarmed when he began noticing blood in his urine, along with pain and increased frequency of urination, as well as nausea, weight loss and fatigue. An appointment with his doctor confirmed Joe's worst fears: he had developed cancer of the prostate.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among American men, and is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among that group. The American Cancer Society (ACS) estimates that about 245,000 men in the United States will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year; about 40,000 will die of the disease. Roughly one of every eight American men will develop prostate cancer in their lifetime.

Although the statistics may seem alarming, there is hope. Prostate cancer, if caught in the early stages, is very treatable. The key is to get regular examinations. Both the American Urological Association and the American Cancer Society recommend annual prostate cancer screenings from ages 50-70, and annual screenings beginning at age 40 for men at high risk (African-American men and those with a family history of the disease.)

Baptist will hold two free community prostate cancer screenings in September — Sept. 24 in the Radiation Oncology Suite at Baptist Medical Center from 4:30-6:30 p.m., and Sept. 29 at the Mississippi Urology Clinic, 1421 N. State Street, Jackson from 4:30-7:30 p.m. It will only take a few minutes, but these screenings could save your life.

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"Whether you add to an existing scholarship fund or establish a new one, your MBF will be excited to help you accomplish your goal," she said. "There is no better blessing than to invest in the lives of others and to realize that your money will live on forever until the Lord returns."

For more information contact Newell at MBF, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530. Telephone (601) 968-3800, or toll-free outside Jackson (800) 748-1651.

Broadmoor singles set reunion

Current and former members, teachers, and sponsors of the singles ministry at Broadmoor Church, Jackson, are invited to attend the ministry's 20-year reunion at the church on Sept. 12-13.

Events include a picnic lunch and progressive dinner on Sept. 12; and a continental breakfast, luncheon, and churchwide fellowship on Sept. 13. Photos and memorabilia are welcome.

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(*I receive Christ as my Savior and Lord.*)

But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name (John 1:12).

If you make a decision for Jesus Christ today, contact a local Baptist church for spiritual guidance.

LIFE AND WORK

True or false hope?

Jeremiah 29:1-2; 4-14

By Kevin Hand

Life is difficult, but God is good. This is the theme of M. Scott Peck's bestseller, "The Road Less Traveled." Though Peck insists that life is a series of problems and suffering, his message is actually one of promise: there is hope.

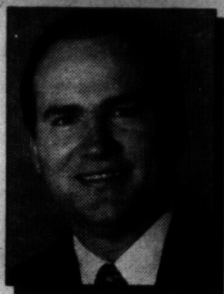
We all need hope. Hope is desire with the expectation of fulfillment. We need to know that things will get better. We need to see a light at the end of the tunnel. Why? Because as Peck points out, people go through turmoil and tough times. They experience constant changes in themselves, their families, and society. Many adults have failed or feel

they have failed in various areas of their lives: marriage, parenting, work, and personal relations.

We need hope, not only because of life's problems, but also because of hurtful people. There is never any shortage of people who want to spoil our plans, dash our dreams, and crush our spirit.

God gives us hope. A confident hope in him and his promises provides stability and security, even in the darkest hours. God's good purposes for his people give them hope in times of turmoil.

Most of God's prophets preached both judgment and hope. This was clearly true of



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Jeremiah. Prior to the beginning of the exile, Jeremiah preached the sure doom of Judah. His letter to the early exiles contains a message of hope. He dramatically showed his confident hope by the purchase of Hanamel's field when the Babylonian army was about to take the city (Jer.32).

People need hope (29:1-2). Nebuchadnezzar, the Babylonian king, had taken Jehoiachin, the king of Judah, and his mother to Babylon along with the other leaders and artisans. Jeremiah wrote a letter of hope to the elders, prophets, priests, and people who were in exile.

Like the exiles, we need hope when we have experienced failure, been uprooted, or lost control of areas of our lives. We need to know that God is still at work.

Live in hope (29:4-7).

Jeremiah's letter warned the exiles that they would be in Babylon for a long time. He told them to settle down and live normal lives. They were to build houses, plant gardens, marry, and have children. The Lord also commanded them to pray for the welfare and prosperity of Babylon.

Confident hope in God enables people to live peaceful, productive, and prayerful lives even in unhappy situations. God can give joy and comfort even in the midst of a storm.

Beware of false hope (29:8-9). Some prophets were giving the exiles false hope by predicting an early return back home to Jerusalem. Jeremiah warned the exiles not to listen to the false prophets among them who were speaking deceptive words in God's name. As long as the exiles listened to the false prophets, they would not settle down for the long exile that Jeremiah predicted.

When people need real hope, they must have reliable information. They need solid truth. Raising false hopes only results in further turmoil and eventually in disillusionment.

Trust in God's good purposes (29:10-14). God promised to restore his people to Judah and Jerusalem after 70 years. His gracious promise showed that he intended to help them, not harm them. God predicted that, eventually, the people would turn to him with all their hearts and be gathered from all nations.

God's plans for his people have not changed. He still desires to "prosper you and not to harm you, to give you a hope and a future" (v.11). As Christians, we understand that our hope, our future, and our life is found in Christ Jesus. We can, therefore, have hope for tomorrow and security today.

Hand is pastor of First Church, Magee.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Watch out!

2 Peter 2:1-3, 10b-21

By William H. Sims, III

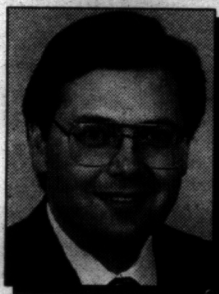
The story, "Blind Man Goes To Movies," tells of a pitiable creature with dark glasses, and a tin cup, patiently waiting for some small contribution. A kindly man passed by and generously dropped a dime in the poor fellow's cup. Then for some reason he turned around, and to his surprise saw the blind man's glasses pushed up and his eager eyes closely examining the recent gift.

"I thought you were a blind man," said the disgruntled donor. "Oh, no," was the answer, "I am only substituting for the regular blind man." "Well, where is the regular blind man?" asked the other. "Oh, he's

gone to the movies, it's his afternoon off."

Peter warned sternly of heretics who would slip slyly in among the people and win many to their heresies. Many would even deny the Lord and follow false pagan gods. God knew their faces of deceit and would bring final judgement and doom.

Denial of truth (2:1-3). The appearance of false teachers among God's people was not new. Paul had earlier written to the Galatians, condemning false teachers. He later warned the elders of Ephesus in Asia that men would arise and speak perverse facts. The Gnostic heretics were trying to dissolve the true doctrine of God, denying the



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Lordship of Christ. This heresy was destructive, and if not noticed would casually destroy their faith. The phrase "swift destruction" conveyed the idea that these heretics would self-destruct. Heresy soon leads to deterioration of character and finally eternal death. The most serious false teaching was the denial of the Lord who had purchased them by his death. Peter continually reminded the believers of God's grace at Calvary.

Disgusting lives (2:10b-16). Starting in verse 10, Peter began to list the traits of false teachers. They are "presumptuous," with plenty of nerve, ready to defy God and man. "Self-willed," they had no desire to please anyone except themselves. What a pitiful life, when life is only lived for self. Jesus admonished us to deny self — and follow him! "Speak evil" or slandering, referred to character

assassination. We should always be careful of those who degrade others. The phrase in verse 11 "before the Lord," should awaken our motives for all we do. Everything we say, write, or even think is before the Lord. He knows my every action. If we believed this truth, we would think before we spoke, pray before we accused, and wept when others are hurt. Truly, God watches over us.

Peter described these self-willed people in verse 12 as "beasts." They were pretending to be experts in every area, yet they were as noisy and irrational as a herd of cattle. If you know someone who claims they know all — be careful. They only desire to hear themselves, and pursue a place of power for self. We must remember, unrighteousness will receive due reward.

Deceitful paths (2:17-21). Peter said that these false teachers spoke many words which amounted to nothing. They used

desires of the flesh to entice their hearers into immorality. This reminds us of the commercial life of the beer industry. They paint a beautiful scene of no problems, plenty of money, and best of all no one in authority. Yet, when all is said, this beer industry denies reports of families separating and even denies innocent victims of death because of drunk drivers. We must continuously be on guard against destructive teaching contrary to God's Holy Word. We must raise the standard, reject this devilish morality, looking only to Jesus. Low moral standards present problems that Christians must face courageously and constructively. May our daily prayer be: "Father, as I pray that you would give my family, my church, and my city a new eagerness, a fresh hunger and thirst for your Word, remind me that revival begins with one heart ... make it mine."

Sims is pastor of First Church, Pontotoc.

FAMILY BIBLE SERIES

Control your anger

Prov. 12:16; 14:17, 29; 15:18; 16:32; 19:11; 22:24-25; 25:28; 27:4 29:20, 22

By Nancie E. Simmons

We all lose our tempers from time to time. Even Jesus lost his temper with money-changers in the temple! Anger can be very dangerous when it gets out of hand. We all know what makes us angry, but how we deal with that anger can tell whether we are wise or foolish.

Uncurbed anger (12:16; 14:17; 25:28; 29:20,22). Proverbs tells us that reacting impulsively when provoked will only cause trouble. The person who impulsively acts out in anger commits many sins. I feel as if I commit enough sins without tacking on some committed in anger! When caught in

a provoking situation, the best thing to do is to stop and think before

any words are spoken. In practicing self-control we develop one of the fruits of the spirit!

At school, children sometimes pass insults back and forth between each other. Those students who let the words "roll off their back" are wise, showing self-control. By choosing to avoid a situation that could get them into trouble, these students are gaining self-confidence and learning valuable life-lessons. Those students who always choose to "fight back" with words or their fists are foolish and lack self-control. A



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student who cannot control their anger ends up in the principal's office for fighting with another classmate or showing disrespect to a teacher.

Contagious anger (22:24-25). Another wise verse in Proverbs warns us not to associate with people who have problems controlling their anger. I believe if a person only hangs around with others who do not live for Jesus, that person could begin to pick up some of their mannerisms, beliefs, and even some of their habits. It is not a conscious effort to become like those around us, but it easily happens. It is not wrong to be friends with non-believers because it is a good witness opportunity, but Christians also need to surround themselves with strong believers who can encourage them in their Christian walk.

As a teacher it is most unsettling to hear on the news where young people have gone into their school building with guns to shoot teachers and classmates. The school should be a safe-haven for students to gain knowledge, to build self-confidence, and to discover talents. I am sure that these boys have not always wanted to bring guns to school to kill their classmates, but somewhere along the way they met the wrong person who started them down this path of destruction. Please pray for all our students as they go back to school and deal with temptations and meet other students that could change their lives forever!

Controlled anger (14:29; 15:18; 16:32; 19:11). We studied the verse last week that stated, "a soft answer turns away anger." The key to anger is to be in control of our words and our actions. Whenever I am upset I clean house! Doing something

with my hands channels the anger into my work, and by the time the house is spotless, my anger is gone. Also, another way to stop anger is to pray about the situation. If we ask God for self-control he will help us to control what is making us mad.

Unfortunately, some people cannot get control of their anger and they channel it in negative ways such as verbal or physical abuse. If anger is a serious problem in your life where you are not in control, please seek help. Confide in someone who is a Christian and ask them to pray for you and hold you accountable for your anger. Go to your pastor or seek a counselor and get some information on how to gain control. Do not let anger rule your life because it can destroy it if your temper is not held in check.

Simmons teaches music at Harper McCaughan Elementary and is a member of First Church, Gulfport.

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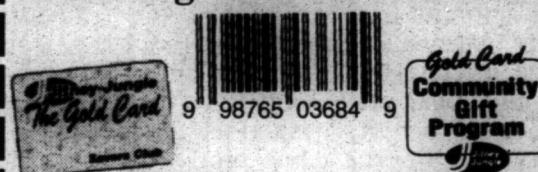
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Carol Latner, 1998 VBS Director at First Baptist Church, Brookhaven, presents JoAnn Ginn, Executive Assistant, with a check for their VBS offering. The children raised over \$1,000 for The BCV.

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J. T. enjoys cooling off in the swimming pool at the India Nunnery campus after enduring a long hot summer day.

Churches to celebrate 150th anniversaries

Concord Church, Tippah County, is celebrating its 150th anniversary during the month of September. Special events are planned for each Sunday to commemorate this milestone in the history of the church. There will be a special day on Sunday, Sept. 27, highlighting the historical significance of the church, 10:30 a.m. and lunch.

Mt. Horeb Church, Lauderdale Association, will celebrate its 150 years as a church on Aug. 23. The service will start at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. After lunch there will be time of singing and sharing in the sanctuary. For further information call (601) 693-3085 or 482-2331. Stanton C. Cheatham is pastor.

New Hope, Tupelo, will celebrate its 150th anniversary on Aug. 23. David Poe, former pastor, will be the guest speaker and Jeff Chamblee will be in charge of the music. Lunch will be served in the gym following the services. After lunch there will be a time of singing and devotional in the sanctuary. Lowell Johnson is pastor.

New Hope Church was organized in 1848 and was the second oldest church in the area which was part of Itawamba County at that time. The first church was called Union Hill and was later known as Kelly's Chapel.

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Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Mark Five Thity-Nine.

Expert: media violence programming kids

JONESBORO, Ark. (ABP) — Media violence is programming America's children to kill, says a military expert on methods used to train soldiers for battle.

American parents are allowing television, movies, and video games to train their children for warfare the same way the Army trains soldiers to kill, according to an article in the Aug. 10 issue of Christianity Today.

Dave Grossman, a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army who directs the Killology Research Group in Jonesboro, Ark., wrote the article, which is adapted from a lecture he gave at Bethel College in Kansas last April.

Grossman approaches the subject from a unique vantage point. His job has been to help military and law enforcement personnel understand the psychology of killing. To do so, he has studied at length what tactics are effective in training humans to kill other humans.

Because he lives in Jonesboro, Grossman became intimately involved in the analysis and counseling conducted after the fatal shooting of four girls and a teacher by two other students at the community's Westside Middle School last March.

What happened there, he says, is symbolic of the larger tide of violence Americans are reaping.

Grossman admits many factors can be cited to explain the increasing level of violence perpetrated by children. However, there is "only one new variable present," he said: "media violence presented as entertainment for children."

"Every parent in America desperately needs to be warned of the impact of TV and other violent media on children, just as we would warn them of some widespread carcinogen," Grossman says.

He cites research published in the Journal of the American Medical Association as evidence that an unquestioned link has been established between watching media violence and perpetrating violence in real life.

A journal article published June 10, 1992, concluded that "the introduction of television in the 1950s caused a subsequent doubling of the homicide rate" and that "long-term childhood exposure to television is a causal factor behind approximately one-half of the homicides committed in the United States, or approximately 10,000 homicides annually."

Grossman moves beyond that evidence to present his own case, comparing how the military has learned to train soldiers in killing to how movies, television and video games condition children to commit violent acts.

Killing is not a natural instinct in the human psyche, Grossman says. "Killing requires training because there is a built-in aversion to killing one's own kind."

Military leaders discovered this barrier earlier this century and set out to "fix" it in soldiers. The plan has been successful, Grossman says, raising the firing rate of soldiers from 15% during World War II to 55% in the Korean War and to 90% in Vietnam.

"How the military increases the killing rate of soldiers in combat is instructive, because our culture today is doing the same thing to our children," he explains. He cites methods used in the military — desensitization, brutalization, classical

conditioning, operant conditioning, and role modeling — and draws parallels to what children learn today from movies, television and video games.

For starters, he says, the overwhelming presence of violence in movies and television programming is desensitizing children's innate aversion to violence.

"When young children see somebody shot, stabbed, raped, brutalized, degraded or murdered on TV, to them it is as though it were actually happening."

Classical conditioning, he continues, is what Pavlov demonstrated by training his dogs to salivate upon hearing the ringing of a bell because they were trained to associate the bell with food.

Early in World War II, the Japanese used classical conditioning to train soldiers to kill. Chinese prisoners were placed in a ditch with their hands bound behind them. Select Japanese soldiers then ran the Chinese through with bayonets while the watching soldiers cheered. Everyone was treated to a fine meal and "comfort girls" afterward. Thus killing became associated with a reward of pleasure.

"This technique is so morally reprehensible that there are very few examples of it in modern U.S. military training, but there are some clear-cut examples of it being done by the media to our children," Grossman contends.

"Our children watch vivid pictures of human suffering and death, and they learn to associate it with their favorite soft drink and candy bar, or their girlfriend's perfume."

Another technique, operant conditioning, is the process of developing in humans a stimulus-response connection through repeated practice, Grossman explains. For example, this is why schools conduct fire drills; during a real fire panic might set in, but if children have been conditioned how to respond, they will do the right thing even amid panic.

In a negative vein, this is what happens when a child plays a violent video game,

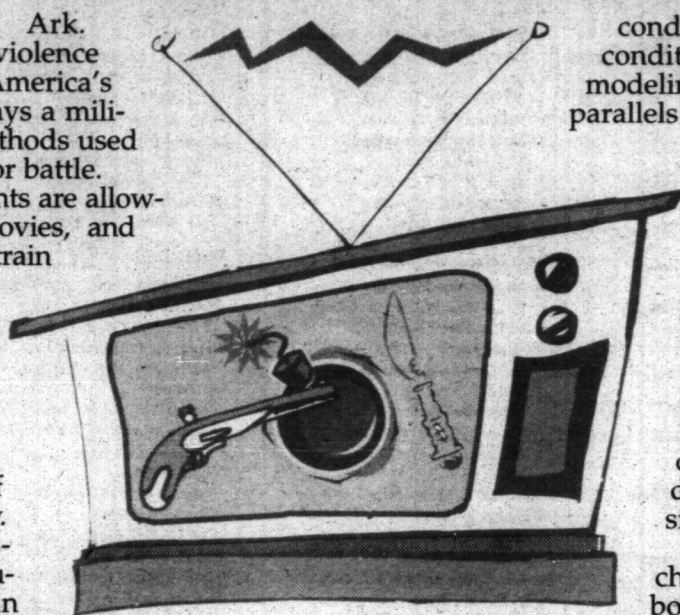
Grossman says. Every time a child plays an interactive point-and-shoot video game, he is learning the exact same conditioned reflex and motor skills as a soldier or police officer in training, he contends.

Finally, movies and television are providing children with violent role models who serve the equivalent purpose of boot camp drill sergeants, Grossman adds.

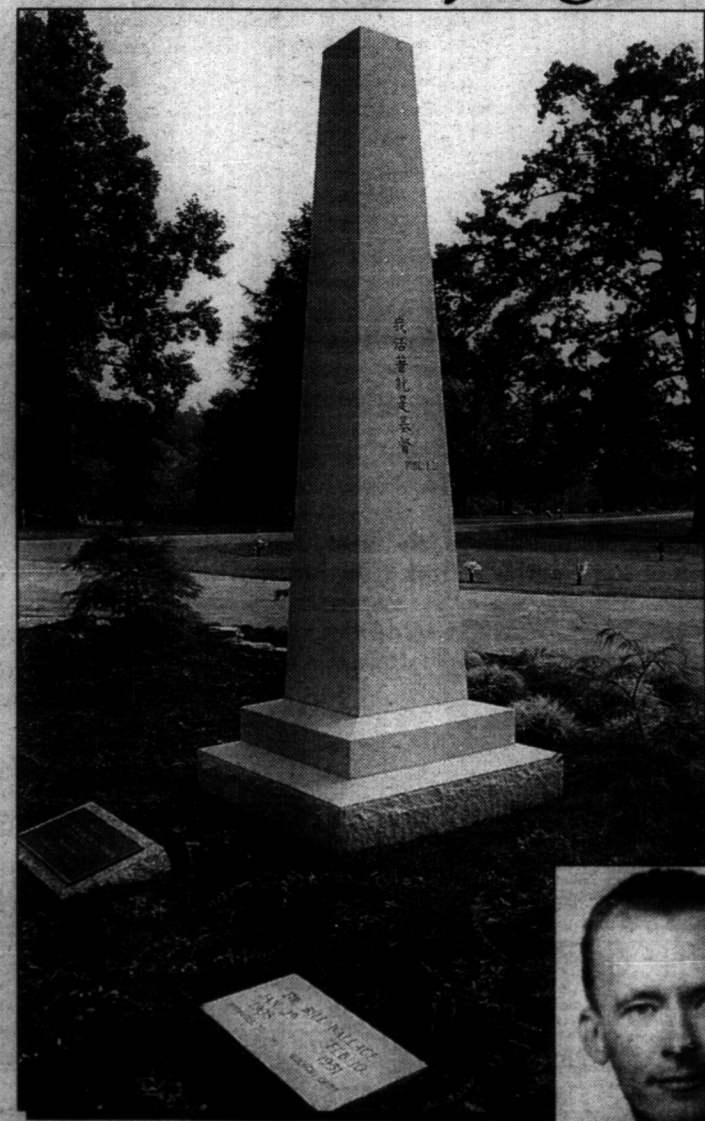
What should parents do then? Grossman outlines several options, including turning off the TV, infringing on civil liberties and increasing gun control. Each of these options is fraught with additional peril and may not be realistic, he concludes.

He encourages parents not to expose their children to violent TV and movies and not to let children play violent video games, but the most effective and immediate solution for society, he contends, is to confront "the producers and purveyors of media violence."

"Simply put, we ought to work toward legislation that outlaws violent video games for children," he says. "There is no constitutional right for a child to play an interactive video game that teaches him weapons-handling skills or that simulates destruction of God's creatures."



Lest we forget



A 12-foot granite obelisk was dedicated July 12 in Knoxville, Tenn., in honor of Dr. Bill Wallace, a Southern Baptist missionary tortured to death in a communist Chinese prison 47 years ago. The monument was placed in Greenwood Cemetery by Annie Fong, who served as a student nurse under Wallace in Wuchow, China, at the time of his arrest. Chiseled into the stone in both Chinese and English are the words of Philippians 1:21 — "For me to live is Christ" — chosen by Wallace's coworker Everley Hayes for the original obelisk placed on Wallace's grave in China. Wallace's remains were returned to the United States in 1985 and interred in Greenwood Cemetery. The drama of Wallace's missionary life and death were captured in the classic biography, "Bill Wallace of China," which has inspired thousands of young people to consider God's call to overseas missions. (BP photo by Connie Davis)

Wallace